REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

Celebrate and Care:

1. How is your soul?
2. What is something that happened this week that you are celebrating?
3. What is something that happened this week that is painful?

Learn, Grow, and Apply:

4. Hebrews 6:1 challenges us to move toward maturity. How would you describe the difference between being a Christian for many years and actually growing spiritually? What are some signs that a person is maturing as an apprentice of Jesus?
5. How does regularly spending time in God's Word and prayer help us become more like Jesus? What tends to distract you from giving Christ your attention?
6. Think about a difficult season in your life. What did God teach you through that experience? How can we distinguish between simply enduring hardship and allowing hardship to develop our faith? (James 1:2-4)
7. What are some common circumstances that make you vulnerable to temptation? What spiritual habits have been helpful in your growth? What is one habit you need to establish, strengthen, or change?
8. Which area of maturity is currently your greatest area of growth—pressing forward, beholding Christ, responding to adversity, overcoming temptation, or cultivating godly habits? Which is your greatest challenge? Why?
9. If spiritual maturity means increasingly reflecting the character of Jesus, what is one specific, measurable step you can take this week to become more like Him? How could the group encourage you and hold you accountable?

"Don't simply measure your spiritual life by how long you have followed Jesus. Measure it by how faithfully you are becoming like Jesus."

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

The Joy of Following Jesus - The Apprentice's Maturity, Cont'd

The Big Idea: God's purpose is not merely to bring us to faith in Jesus Christ, but to develop us into apprentices of Jesus who are maturing and increasingly reflect His character.

Maturity is a journey, _____.

Maturity grows _____.

Maturity is revealed _____.

Maturity learns to _____.

Maturity is cultivated _____.