

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide

Spring at Cypress - Week Three

Teaching by Pastor Ken

WARM-UP QUESTION

- What is one season of life that taught you an important lesson about trusting God?
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DISCUSS

1. Understanding the Season You Are In

Pastor Ken shared that one of the biggest ways we can make a difference in our lives is by understanding the season we are in. Some seasons are cyclical, like the seasons of nature. Others are progressive, like our growth and maturity in Christ.

Read 1 Chronicles 12:32.

"From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take."

The sons of Issachar were known for their spiritual discernment. They understood what season they were in and knew how to respond.

- Why do you think understanding the season you are in is important for spiritual growth?
- Pastor Ken said that knowledge, timing, and action all matter. Which of those is easiest for you? Which is most difficult?
- What season do you feel God currently has you in, and what might He be teaching you through it?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:6.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

- What does this verse teach us about our role versus God's role in growth and change?
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2. Growing Into Spiritual Maturity

Pastor Ken explained that spiritual growth is progressive. Just as children mature physically, believers are called to mature spiritually.

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3.

- What stands out to you about Peter's description of spiritual growth?
- What is the difference between being childlike in faith and being childish in faith?
- How have you seen God grow or mature you over the years?

Pastor Ken highlighted a key milestone of maturity: becoming a self-feeder in God's Word.

- Why is it important to learn how to hear from God personally through Scripture?
 - What practical habits help you stay connected to God throughout the week?
 - How does regularly feeding on God's Word affect your emotional and spiritual well-being?
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3. Made for Relationship and Service

Pastor Ken reminded us that spiritual maturity is not measured by how much we know, but by how much we become like Christ.

Read Matthew 20:28.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus modeled a life of service, and He calls us to do the same.

- Why do you think serving others is such an important part of following Jesus?
- How have relationships helped strengthen your faith journey?
- In what ways can serving alongside others create deeper friendships and community?

Pastor Ken shared that Serve Day is designed not only to bless our community but also to help people build relationships and discover their calling.

- Have you ever experienced personal growth while serving others? What happened?
- What is one practical way you can serve your church, community, or someone in need this season?

4. Making a Difference Starts with Growth

Pastor Ken taught that becoming a self-feeder and serving others are two defining markers of spiritual growth.

The goal is not simply gaining more knowledge. The goal is to become more like Jesus and invest our lives in others.

- Which of these two areas do you need to focus on most right now: growing deeper in your relationship with God or serving others more intentionally?
- What is one next step you can take this week to continue growing spiritually?

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best describes where you are today?

- I need greater wisdom to recognize the season God has me in.
- I need to become more consistent in feeding myself through God's Word.
- I need to trust God more with the growth He is producing in my life.
- I need stronger relationships with other believers.
- I need to take a step toward serving others and making a difference.

PRAYER

Close by thanking God for His faithfulness in every season of life. Ask Him for wisdom to understand the season you are in, courage to take the right next step, and discipline to grow through His Word. Pray that He would help each person become more like Christ through meaningful relationships and a life of serving others. Ask God to use your church to make a difference in your community and beyond.