

why church?

The Building of a New Community

Ice Breaker: What's one piece of advice that you ignored that, in retrospect, you should've followed?

Read: Ephesians 3, Isaiah 61:3

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What would you consider healthy growth?
- I Pray that You Know, I Pray that You Grow, I Pray that You Show (Ephesians 3:6-21)
 - What do vv.6-13 teach us about God's plan for the church?
 - Why do you think God chose the church to display His wisdom to the world?
 - How has being part of the church helped you know God more deeply?
 - What specifically does Paul pray for in vv.14-19? Why do you think Paul focuses on inner strength rather than external circumstances?
 - What does it mean to be "rooted and established in love"?
 - Why is it important to experience Christ's love, not just understand it intellectually?
 - In Isaiah 61:3, what does the picture of "beauty instead of ashes" reveal about God's transforming work?
 - In what ways should a growing believer reflect God's glory?
 - Why is the church an important place for God's transformation to be seen?
- Closing Thoughts
 - What is one area where God is currently growing you?
- [Prayer Prompt] Spend time praying for one another:
- To know God's purpose and love more deeply.
- To grow in spiritual strength and maturity.
 - To show God's transforming work through the way you live and love others.

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

