



## Never Stop Growing!

Read or sing “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB #589, LW #339

Read Luke 2:52.

Take some time to “brainstorm” reasons why Christian maturity is so easy to ignore in our groups today. \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Scripture tell us about being spiritually equipped today?

Read Ephesians 4:11–16 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 1:5–10 \_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 2:41–49. How does this account of Jesus as a child relate to the need for us to grow spiritually? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 13:3–9 and discuss what happens when the Word, once received is ignored.

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Think about the above passage and discuss what might have happened to some of the seeds had some weeding been done and some protection from the birds been used.

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There is an old saying “Bloom where you are planted”. Read Psalm 92:12–14. What do we need to do to continue to “bloom” and “flourish”? \_\_\_\_\_

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Let’s read the LWML Mission Statement together and ponder its direction for us.

**As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

How would living this mission statement help us to grow our faith and mature in Christ?

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Read Colossians 3:16–17 and discuss what can be done to elevate the importance of growing in Christ within our churches, groups, and homes.

*And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ (Acts 5:42).* This verse shows that continual teaching and preaching was practiced. What message does that have for us today, in our churches, groups, and homes? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:14–27. Being a part of the body of Christ means fellowship with the rest of the body. It is an important part of God’s plan for our lives. Therefore, if a part of the body doesn’t participate the entire body is affected. What should we do to encourage the members of our groups to be active in the group and also in their personal walk with God?

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If we are encouraging our members, how will that build up the body of Christ?

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Discuss some of the ideas for stimulation in Christian maturity that could be used at the local, zone, or district level LWML events. \_\_\_\_\_

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Read or sing “Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast” LSB #577, LW #342

**Prayer:** Almighty God, Thy Word is cast and we pray that You will guide us in our daily walk with You. Make our seed of faith grow strong that our lives would be a blessing to others as we also grow in Christian maturity. In Your Name, Jesus we pray. Amen.

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