



### Never Stop Growing!

Read or sing “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *TLH #296, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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”? \_\_\_\_\_

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

The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

What does that tell us about:

Maintaining our relationship with our God? \_\_\_\_\_

Encouraging one another in using our gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

Serving our Lord in His ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

*Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is 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" *TLH #49, 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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