



# MATURING

1. Who did you want to be like when you were growing up? When did that desire stop? What led to that desire ending?
2. At Spring Lake we have made it our aim to cooperate with God in becoming more like Jesus which means daily being shaped in every way into Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you ever find yourself frustrated by your lack of growth or the slowness of it? How would you encourage someone who is frustrated in this area?
3. **READ PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14.** How does this passage serve as a reminder and encouragement to us who realize we are not yet everything we should be? What does it mean to forget what lies behind us?
4. What would happen if someone just focused on their past successes or things they learned? What would happen if someone clung to their past hurts or failures?
5. What is Paul's focus? How does that focus impact the way in which he lived his life? What distractions do you wrestle with in having that kind of focus?
6. **READ GALATIANS 5:22-24.** What gives the power to kill the sinful passions that lurk within us? Why is that important to remember when we are facing temptation? Society would say that nothing is stronger than desire and that you should do what you desire. How does this passage refute that?
7. Do we get the option of choosing which fruit of the Spirit are vital? Which of these do you find more difficult living out?
8. The fruit of the Spirit serves as evidence that we belong to Jesus and are growing in him. What kind of impact is made when this is lived out?
9. What steps are you taking to become more like Jesus?