

What Comes after the Gospel?

1. II Peter 3:18 - Theology, or knowledge of God is foundation for a new believer.
 - a. Heb. 6:1-12 - Those that are new believers will mature as the Bible is thoroughly studied.
 - i. I Cor. 3:2 - Paul explains that new believers need to start with simple, easy to digest concepts and improve with harder concepts.
 - b. II Peter 1:4-8 - Productivity occurs by continually gaining knowledge and applying the attributes of God.
2. Phil 4:5-9 - Prayer is a spiritual discipline that should be studied by a new believer.
 - a. James 4:2-3 - Prayer is dependence on Christ to replace sinful desire with righteous desires.
 - i. Eph. 6:10-20 - Believers must be in prayer to combat the sinful desires of the devil.
 - b. Ps. 40:1 - New believers must learn how to patiently wait on the Lord in prayer.
3. Titus 2:1-8 - Community with older, wiser believers is essential for a new believer.
 - a. Luke 6:40 - Jesus exemplified discipleship with the disciples who later discipled the church.
 - i. II Tim. 2:2 - Faithful men are entrusted to share truth with others so others can teach.
 - b. Titus 2:7 - Titus and the elders of the church are to be setting a example for new believers.

Discussion Questions

Ice breaker: Describe yourself in three words. What are three words you would use to describe God?

- Why is important to have theology, or knowledge of God (I Peter 3:15, II Peter 3:18)? Is getting to know God like getting know people? How is it different? Is God knowable (Ps. 139:6, 145:3, Isa. 55:6)? Why should you try to know God (Jer. 9:23-24, I Chr. 28:9, James 4:8)?
- Why is prayer an important spiritual discipline (James 4:2-3, Phi. 4:5-9)? Why is a prayer a dying spiritual discipline (Ps. 40:1)? What are some ways that we can encourage prayer (Eph. 6:10-20)?
- Is it important to regularly talk with older people? Why (Pro. 24:6)? How do you build relationships with older believers (Phi. 2:3, Rom. 12:10, Titus 2:1-8)? Should we be going to like-minded people or older people for wisdom?
- What is discipleship (Luke 6:40, I Tim. 2:2)? How do we practice discipleship (Titus 2:7, Luke 9:23-25)? Why is discipleship hard (Pro. 11:2, 29:23, Rom 12:16)?

Digging Deeper: Have you ever done one-one-one discipleship with another believer? It could be as simple as discussing a chapter of the Bible each week (I Peter 5:5)