

For the week of October 6, 2024

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# Spiritual 'Adulthood'

Fourth week in the series: Under the Cross

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Growing spiritually can be challenging. Many of us have felt frustrations around faith, prayer, community life, and how to be open to the Lord's growth in our lives. The church of Corinth can relate. Today, we will dive into several aspects of spiritual growth that Paul shared with the Corinthians and can be helpful for us today.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What does unity mean to you? What would unity look like in a church setting?
2. How do you decide what to be in agreement on and what is okay to disagree on?
3. Sometimes, it can be hard to differentiate when our disagreements are about preference, wrong or different ways of thinking, cultural or spiritual upbringing, or because of lack of trust in the leaders (i.e., worship styles, theological interpretations, amount of prayer, the purpose of small groups, etc.). How do we learn to differentiate and discern the importance of our thoughts? Why is this important?
4. How might the New Testament give us guidance on our character, heart, and manner in which we disagree with one another? (Bonus: 1 Corinthians 12-13)
5. Healthy spiritual discernment involves the Holy Spirit, Scripture, and the Body of Christ. Which is the hardest for you to involve in your discernment process? Which do you gravitate towards the easiest?

6. How has the Lord used godly people who you personally disagree with (or don't particularly like) to grow you? How was God the ultimate "grower"?