

Boiler Room

“Praying as a Cultivator”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: On a scale of 1 to 10 how green is your thumb? (With 1 being you kill artificial plants.)

KEY THOUGHT: ***A Cultivator prays for spiritual maturity in others***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

1. How does verse 1 set the stage for a passage that heavily emphasizes growth and maturity?
2. How do the seven “ones” in verses 4-5 play into the idea of unity here?

Read Ephesians 4:7-12

3. What words in verse 12 denote forward motion and activity?
4. How do the gifts given by Jesus (verses 7,11) provide for the growth of the church?

Read Ephesians 4:13-16

5. What analogy/contrast related to maturity do we see in verses 13-14? What does this look like in a person’s spiritual life?
6. Explain the idea in verse 16 that the body makes the body grow and builds itself up.

GETTING DEEPER

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

1. Why is it important to stir one another to love and good works?
2. How does gathering together help this to happen?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Where are you cultivating someone else’s faith right now?
2. What role do you see prayer playing when you cultivate someone else’s faith? How much time do you spend on prayer compared to time spent with the person?
3. What importance do you see in praying that someone be eager to maintain unity in the church? What about productivity? Maturity?
4. Whose spiritual maturity will you pray for daily this coming week?

PRAY...

for individuals and our church family to grow in spiritual unity, productivity, and maturity.