TIO CHURCH

TALK IT OVER

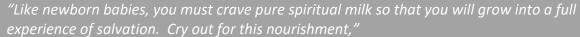# FOLLOWING JESUS (Part 2)

DIG DEEPER

Class # 26

Last week we learned that the spiritual growth process never stops until we are mature in Christ (full and complete measure of Jesus). **Ephesians 4:13**

Once a person is born again (believes in Jesus and accepts His lordship), they enter the Infant/Baby stage.   Physically, it's easy to identify a baby, but spiritually speaking, it's not so obvious. This is the stage where many Christians remain stuck for life, just like the Israelites, who spent 40 years going in circles in the desert. There are two words that accurately describe this spiritual stage: **Ignorance** (lack of knowledge) and **dependence**.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS
1. What is the biggest need of a spiritual infant, who ignores biblical principles and is not mature enough to nurture and take care of himself?
2. Why is it crucial for a spiritual infant to have a spiritual father/mentor that would instruct and disciple him / her?
3. What's the next step you need to give in order to continue growing spiritually?

"Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,"

- 1 Peter 2:2-3 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

To grow from a spiritual baby into the next stage (spiritual child), you need a personal connection with a mentor or leader, and a commitment to being accountable and transparent. We all know that without a mom and dad, a baby can never mature into a child. If there's no one to feed him, he starves. If there is no one to change him, he won't survive.

To become a spiritual child, you need a spiritual father or mother (life group leader) who has the heart of a Father. Without spiritual fathers and mothers, everyone remains spiritually dwarf. Children are more mature that an infant, but they still tend to be self-centered and very naive **(1 Corinthians 3: 1-3)**.

Challenge group members, no matter in what stage they find themselves today, to strive for the next.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE	August 1 (9am Live or Zoom)
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (LEGACY Doral Park)	July 31st @ 10am
MEN'S CONFERENCE (INFLUENTIAL)	August 20-21