



July 24/25

For Small Groups Meeting the Week of July 25th

**BIG IDEA: SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS NOT AUTOMATIC; IT REQUIRES SPECIFIC ACTIONS**

**CONNECT (5-10 minutes)**

1. What was a simple way that you had fun in your childhood?

**GROW in Christ: (45 minutes)**

As we continue the series, “At the Movies”, let’s consider these verses from the Bible.

**Read aloud the following passages from the Bible:**

*“There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don’t seem to listen. (12) You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. (13) For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn’t know how to do what is right. (14) Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.”* Hebrews 5:11-14

*“I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.”* Psalms 119:16 (NIV)

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”* James 1:22

*“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing”* John 15:5

## Discussion Questions

1. Share some progress you've made in reading the Bible for yourself, and how that has benefited you personally.
2. God teaches us to make wise decisions through His word. What is one specific area in life where God's word informed your decision making? What was the result?
3. Looking back over your life, pick out an area where you can see fruit from walking with God.
4. Part of bearing fruit is new people coming into the family of God. How can you invite someone and who can you invite?

### **SERVE others: (10 minutes)**

Review the main points of this week's Bible message.

### **At The Movies Week 4: Grown Ups**

**Spiritual maturity is being conformed to the image and character of Jesus Christ**

#### **Spiritually Mature People...**

- 1) **Feed themselves**
- 2) **Make wise decisions**
- 3) **Bear fruit**

**My next step(s) towards spiritual maturity:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Pastor Greg and Pastor Ryan outlined some intentional next steps that Palm Valley offers. With that in mind share a next step you can take to keep growing.

**SHARE Christ: (10 minutes)**

Let's place God's Word in our hearts so we can be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope we have.

**Memory Verse:**

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**WORSHIP**

**How can we help you in prayer this week?**

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