

# Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, James, part 1, 09-25-2022

1. Read James 1:1

2. A birthday is a celebration of Life.

It's also a recognition that we are growing old.

But did you know that

everyone who grows old does not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ .

Discuss how that might happen.

The passage of time does not guarantee that we will become physically mature, emotionally mature or socially mature.

3. The same is true of our spiritual growth. It's possible to attend church for many years, and call ourself a believer for many years, but still remain a \_\_\_\_\_ .

Read Hebrews 5: 12-14

4. For Argyle to be a \_\_\_\_\_ ,

it's members and attenders must be growing in their faith.

The biggest cause of problems in the church are caused by spiritual immaturity.

If Christians would just grow up, our churches and our community would never be the same.

List some ways we can spiritually grow up.

Read Colossians 1:9-10

5. Most Bible scholars agree that James was written by James, the brother of Jesus.

It would be more accurate to say James, the half-brother of Jesus because Joseph was not Jesus' biological father, since Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born by the virgin Mary.

After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had other children.

6. How do you think it was like to grow up with a brother who was perfect?

7. Jesus lived at home for 30 years. He never disobeyed. Never sassed. Never had a bad attitude.

He was never called to the office. He was perfect.

It was required for the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, to be perfect.

8. Read James 1:1. How does James describe himself? The first step we take toward spiritual maturity is humility.

Answers: 2 - grow up 3 - spiritual baby. 4 - healthy church