

## Foundations for the Future

### Selected Scriptures

#### Study Questions

1. In Colossians 1:28-29, Paul defines the goal as “complete in Christ,” and describes the means to get there as the proclamation of Christ “admonishing everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom.”
  - a. Describe in your own words how this verse sets the Word of God as a priority in the life of a church.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Explain the importance of admonishment in seeing others grow in Christ (see Eph 4:15; Rom 15:14; Heb 3:12-13; 1 Thes 5:14-15).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How does this goal in making the Word of God a priority prevent us from making the study of God’s Word simply an intellectual exercise?
  
2. Romans 12:1-2 tells us to not be conformed to this world, but *transformed* through the renewing of our minds.
  - a. What has God given us to renew our minds?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does 12:2 tell us to discern in that process?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What is the inevitable result of this renewing (see 12:3-13)?
  
3. Peter tells us to “long for the pure spiritual milk” like newborn babies so that we might grow up into salvation.
  - a. What does Peter tell us to put off as we approach the Word of God (1 Pet 2:1)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Why is believing and applying the Word just as important as knowing it (see James 1:22-25)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What are some ways you can make the Word of God a priority this year; not just to know it, but to seek to apply it in your daily life (see Heb 3:12-13; 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Eph 6:18-20)?