

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During ‘Foundations’ The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we’ve done before will set the pace and direction for the church.

Growth Questions for 9/4/11 – 9/11/11

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. What does it mean to “owe no one anything, except to love each other”? In what way is love a debt that we owe?
3. Explain how adultery, murder, stealing, and coveting violate the principle of love? (Mt. 5:21-30) In what sense is love the fulfillment of the law? (Mt. 22:37-40 and Gal. 5:13-14)
4. What “sleep” does Paul want us to wake from? What does this mean and how do we obey? (1 Cor. 15:34; 1 Thess. 5:1-11)
5. What “works of darkness” are we to cast off? Why? What does it mean to “put on the armor of light”? Consider these parallel passages: Eph. 5:7-15, 6:10-18
6. Is putting on the Lord Jesus Christ the same as putting on the armor of light? What does it mean to “make no provision for the flesh”? (Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:9-10; Gal. 3:27)

Living on Mission

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go

1. Think about your relationships. In what ways will you continue to pay your “debt” of love? How will you practically show your love for Jesus Christ in your friendships, family, and fellowship?
2. If you were to characterize your passion for growing in the gospel and carrying out the gospel mission, would you describe yourself as wide awake, occasionally napping, or sleep walking? What do you need to know or believe to shake yourself awake?
3. Are there some “deeds of darkness” that are hindering you from “walking properly”? (v. 13) What would repentance and faith look like in your situation? How will you begin today to walk properly?
4. How will you live in light of the truth that salvation is nearer to you now than when you first believed? Does this truth give you a sense of urgency for the lost? How might it alter the way you redeem each day given to you?

Important Dates

- 8/28/11 Community Groups Kick Off
- 8/28/11 Mission Teams Reporting/Church Planting Announcement
- 9/11/11 Financial Peace University Begins
- 9/25/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- 11/19/11 Operation Thanks!

COMMUNITY GROUPS DEFINED

A Community Group is a home fellowship made up of 10-15 people who meet every week to share, study and support one another. A leader leads each group. An average meeting lasts for an hour and a half, followed by

light refreshments. They're the place where the real ministry of the church should take place as we study God's Word, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another.

Community Groups meet on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in homes throughout Martinsburg. Visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org for more information.