

## **Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon – Sept. 29, 2013**

*(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)*

### I. **Getting to know you** ~ *Questions for Group Discussion:*

- a. When you were young, what did you think you wanted to be when you grew up? Why?
- b. What changed (or fulfilled) the pursuit of your childhood aspirations?

### II. **Getting into the Bible** ~ *Points from Sunday's Message:*

- a. Who We Are: ***Having been transferred into the kingdom of God's Son, we are Christ's ambassadors – representing Him on this planet by living by God's kingdom values.***

- b. Scripture:

- i. Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 7:24-27
- ii. Colossians 1:9-14; Philippians 3:17-21; Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:9-12
- iii. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

- c. We Value:

- i. The sovereignty of God
- ii. The supremacy of Jesus Christ
- iii. The sufficiency of the Holy Spirit
- iv. The standard of the Holy Scriptures
- v. The sanctity of God's creation and the value of every person made in God's image
- vi. The salvation and sanctification of mankind by grace through faith in Jesus Christ
- vii. The sacrifice and service of God's people to advance His fame in word and deed

### III. **Getting into Life:**

- a. What are the responsibilities of a foreign ambassador? How does that relate to our being ambassadors of Christ?
- b. How do the values of God's kingdom differ from the values of the kingdoms of the world? What is the result of a disciple living according to the values of this world (for the disciple / for the world)?
- c. Living by the values of God's kingdom involves major lifestyle adjustments.
  - i. Are you willing and desirous to change?
  - ii. What makes the changes difficult?... easy?