

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 6/19/11 – 6/26/11

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 be “slothful”? What does the Bible say about it? (Prov. 6:6-9; 18:9; 21:25-26; 24:30-34; 26:12-16) How might these passages relate to spiritual slothfulness?
3. What is zeal? In some scriptures this word is translated “do your best”. How might this help to clarify Paul’s meaning in Romans 12:11?
4. How would you characterize a person who is “fervent in spirit”? Can you think of some examples (either Biblical or in your own sphere of influence)?
5. How is it possible to “never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord?” Is this passage asking the impossible? What is the relationship between spiritual fervor and the command to “be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer?”
6. What are some specific ways by which we serve the Lord? Why would being both diligent in our work and fervent in spirit be vital to our service? What happens when we are either too zealous in works or too fervent in spirit? What happens when one or the other is lacking?
7. How do verses 9-10 relate directly to verse 11? What does Paul’s bookend of “service” around verse 11 emphasize?

Living on Mission

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

1. How about you? Do you struggle with laziness in any area of your life? How has the Holy Spirit made provision for your struggle? What fruits has He filled you with? What gifts has He given you?
2. Jonathan Edwards made this resolution: “To live with all my might while I live.” Could you take this as your own resolve? How might your life change today if you were to submit to God’s command to be “fervent in spirit”?
3. The word for “fervent” literally means “to boil.” How could your service to the Lord impact your family, friends, and those far from God if you started “boiling” in your faith?

Important Dates

- 6/19/11 Father’s Day at C@M | Baby Dedication at C@M
- 6/19/11 Summer Teaching Session Begins
- 7/7/11 Moldova Mission Trip
- 7/18/11 Thailand Mission Trip
- 8/14/11 Community Groups Kick Off
- Weekly Summer Movie Express – Tuesdays/Wednesdays

Multiple Worship Times - 9:00AM AND 10:30AM

SUMMER TEACHING SESSION - Each summer The Church at Martinsburg hosts a teaching session through the summer months as community groups take a break over June, July, and part of August. This

summer we will be offering The Gospel Rest Study, The Gospel Centered Life, as well as a group being lead by Duane McCormick on Sunday nights. Visit www.martinsburgchurch.org for more information.