

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries
Discussion Questions for the sermon “Develop Mature Believers” on February 6, 2011

1. Would you consider yourself a mature Christian? Why or why not?
2. How would you describe a mature believer in Jesus Christ?
3. What are the three descriptions of a mature believer in Jesus Christ in this sermon?
4. The following questions focus on the first characteristic of a mature believer in Jesus Christ:
 - a. Read Hebrews 5:12-14. How does this passage describe a mature Christian?
 - b. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What role do the Scriptures play in our spiritual lives?
 - c. Read James 1:22-25. What does this passage instruct us and what does it promise?
 - d. How are you doing in the area of *knowing God and His truth*? Are you currently reading the Bible on your own? If yes, share how you are doing it. If no, share why you are not doing it.
5. The following questions focus on the second characteristic of a mature believer in Jesus Christ:
 - a. Read Matthew 22:37-40. What is the essence of Christianity?
 - b. Read John 13:34-35. What is the true mark of a genuine Christian?
 - c. Read 1 John 4:19-21. Where do we find the capacity to love? Is it possible for us to love God but not His people, and why?
 - d. How are you doing in the area of *loving God and His people*? What do you do to express your love for God and His people? What makes loving God and His people difficult?
6. The following questions focus on the third characteristic of a mature believer in Jesus Christ:

- a. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How are we saved? For what purpose does God save us?
 - b. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. According to this passage, what does God want us to do?
 - c. Read Matthew 28:18-20. According to this passage, what does God want us to do?
 - d. How are you doing in the area of *servicing God and His purpose*? How are you using the gifts you have received from God to serve others and glorify God? How are you involved in fulfilling the Great Commission?
7. Share with your group one action item you can and will take to grow in spiritual maturity. Pray for each other, so that we will encourage each other and hold each other accountable in our desire and effort to grow in spiritual maturity.