

# **Faith Family Church**

## *Small Group Lessons*

### *May Lesson Two 2008*

## **Grow Up!**

### I. Opening:

#### A. Read Story by Alex Chediak (a ministry intern):

*I never used to RSVP for get-togethers, but would show up at the last minute. My friend Darren once told me that a single man's social life is based on the "last best option." In other words: Never commit, because a better alternative may come along.*

*I had a friend named Chris who dated his girlfriend for quite a while, spending lots of time with her, but never defining their relationship. Only when she asked would he reluctantly start considering his feelings and intentions.*

*Another friend, Bob, was not a member of any church, but he went to three of them. He liked the music at one, the teaching at another, and preferred the social scene at a third.*

*So what did Chris, Bob, and I have in common? A desire to maximize our options. It seemed logical, even wise. It was easy to live this way to the extent that the impact on others was (apparently) negligible. In truth, in disregarding others our attitude was selfish and made it difficult to assume significant, fruitful ministry or professional responsibilities. And I'd suggest it short-circuited the depth of our friendships. The best word for this condition is immaturity.*

### II. What do You Think?

#### A. Read Hebrews 11:24-28

#### B. Questions.

1. Read each verse as a group and identify the maturity you see evidenced in Moses' life.
  - a) v24 – No longer needed to identify with the "in" crowd.
  - b) v25—Joined with God's people even if it meant mistreatment.
  - c) v26 – Realized true riches are spiritual and not worldly.
  - d) v26 – Considered the final outcome of his life.
  - e) v27 – Left Egypt (symbolic of the world).
  - f) v28 – Developed a holy reverence for the things of God. Put God first!

### III. Application:

#### A. Discuss.

1. With which of the verses did you most identify? Why?
2. What happens when a Christian refuses to grow up? How can one immature person effect the whole church?

### V. Closing:

#### A. Ask for prayer requests and close with prayer.