**Q97. What is Christian growth (progressive sanctification)?
Progressive sanctification is growing in obedience to the Lordship of Jesus and His word. By grace, it is a lifelong process powered by the Holy Spirit to change us to become more like Jesus.**

**Q98. What means does the Holy Spirit use to mature Christians?
In accordance with His sovereign power, the Holy Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, trials, and Christian fellowship/accountability.**

1. Share how tonight’s lesson encouraged, or challenged you in regards to your understanding of progressive sanctification.
2. What is the difference between definitive sanctification and progressive sanctification?
3. Read Romans 6:12-23

Have you ever felt like a slave to sin? What is the difference between struggling with sin and being a slave to sin?

1. See verse 18-19. What is different about the way we once presented ourselves as slaves to lawlessness versus the way that we now present ourselves as slaves to righteousness? (Help: dead in sin vs. alive in Christ…spiritually dead vs. spiritually alive)
2. Why is it important to know the difference between justification and sanctification? Have you ever operated under a misunderstanding between the two? If so, what effect did it have on your spiritual growth?
3. How do we and why must we keep the good news of the Gospel central in our progressive sanctification?
4. Are you taking full advantage of all the means available for our sanctification? If not, what steps are you going to take to benefit more from them?
5. Do you currently have people in your life who you know for sure would call you out for sin in your life that is stunting your spiritual growth? If so, share what that experience has been like. If not, what can you do to benefit from this Holy Spirit empowered means of spiritual growth?
6. Take time to thank God for His power at work in our sanctification. Pray for one another and look for ways to engage with one another beyond Wednesday and Sunday.