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- 5. Glenn Shimabukuro: Rylan Arimoto**
- 6. Sandy Shimabukuro: Mary Wünsch, Rhonda Higashihara, Lucy Parkin**

- 7. Carol Hayashida: Shira Peters**
- 8. Karen Kimura: Dona Yoshida**
- 9. Joy Chinen: Kimberly Watkins, Carolyn Gima,
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- 10. Randall Kurata: Cody Machida**
- 11. Dan Higashihara: Carlton Pang**
- 12. Diane Siperly: Lana Kalahiki**
- 13. Kathy Kong: Paula Hirai**
- 14. Mikela Kobayashi: Brit Tesoro, Jordan Takushi**

- 15. Gemey Ogata: Kainoa Garcia**
- 16. Cal Chinen: Glen Hayashida**
- 17. Jed Tesoro: Mark Sulpico**
- 18. Amy Tesoro: Lei Baba**
- 19. Ron Yoshida: Chris Lum, Alan Ogata, Randy Kimura**
- 20. Ken Kondo: Nick Manago**
- 21. Vaughn & Merle Miyauchi: James Gonsalves & Sharon Ige**

Follow-up from last week's application in 1st
breakout:

share about your time with Father God and
what he said to you based upon the two
questions, "what do you think of me?" And,
"what's on your heart?"

5 Stages of spiritual growth

BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND...

**It's our desire for every person at MGMC to be a
disciple of Christ,
Disciple maker,
And transformer
(life, family, community, Hawaii, & the world)!**

**1ST STAGE: SPIRITUAL EXPLORER
(UNBELIEF)**

1st stage: Spiritual explorer

- **People in this stage have not yet accepted Christ as their Lord and savior.**
- **Lost and unaware of it.**
- **Living based on feelings (Ephesians 2:3).**

Ephesians 2:3

"All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature."

1st stage: Spiritually dead

- **Common phrases:**
 - **“I believe there are many ways to heaven.”**
 - **“I’m a good person.”**

**These people move out of exploring by having spiritual conversations, discovering the real Jesus, and accepting him into their lives.
As a result, they are spiritually born!**

John 3:3 NLT

“Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

**2ND STAGE: SPIRITUAL INFANT
(NAÏVE)**

2nd stage: Spiritual infant

- **Reborn/accepted Christ as their Lord and savior.**
- **New believer OR long-time stagnant Christian.**
- **Key themes: start developing spiritual connections with God and others.**

2nd stage: Spiritual infant

- **Common phrases:**
 - **“Christians are hypocrites.”**
 - **“The church just wants my money.”**
 - **“I’m too busy for a small group.”**

These people need to be spiritually parented/mentored in learning:

- **First, how to read the Bible (SPA), how to strengthen connection to God (prayer)[UP],**
- **Second: connect with other believers, serve others, and serve others[IN].**

**3RD STAGE: SPIRITUAL CHILD
(SELF-CENTERED)**

3rd stage: Spiritual Child

- **Growing in their relationship with God.**
- **Building relationships with other believers.**
- **They are primarily focused on themselves.**
- **They have bouts of rebellion.**
- **Learn the discipline of tithing and giving.**
- **Key themes: development, discipline, and service.**

3rd stage: Spiritual Child

- **Common phrases:**

- **“I love my church. I belong.”**
- **“I don’t feel like I’m getting fed here.”**
- **“Us four and no more.”**

**4TH STAGE: SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULTS
(GOD/OTHERS FOCUSED)**

4th Stage: Spiritual Young Adults

- **Create a lifestyle of Prayer Evangelism wherever they go.**
- **See themselves as ministers.**
- **Have an understanding for branching their ekklesia group.**
- **Key themes: from disciplines to lifestyle, from development to fruitfulness, from helping in a ministry to personally living out a lifestyle of ministry.**

4th Stage: Spiritual Young Adults

- **Common Phrases:**

- **“I’m going to visit Bob in the hospital instead of going to the movies.”**
- **“I’m serving in the nursery so parents can attend the service.”**
- **“I want to be trained and equipped to help branch my Ekklesia Group.”**

**As spiritual young adults, these individuals are no longer helpers, but are being equipped to be disciples of Christ i.e. Ekklesia associate leader/
ministry leader.**

**5TH STAGE: SPIRITUAL PARENT
(KINGDOM PRIORITY)**

5th Stage: Spiritual Parent

- **Mature in faith, yet continue to seek to grow and abide in Christ.**
- **Help others grow in their faith.**
- **Involved in discipling others who will disciple others.**

5th Stage: Spiritual Parent

- **Common phrases:**
 - **“I’m taking Steve with me the next time I visit Bob in the hospital to train him to minister to others.”**
 - **“There are individuals that I’m going to invest in if they are willing to be disciplined.”**

**At this stage you are leading an Ekklesia group
and discipling others who will begin discipling
others.**

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1. Stage 1: making the ultimate decision to commit to following Jesus.
2. Stage 2: making a connection with God by learning how to read the Bible and pray as a daily part of your life, as well as connecting with other believers.
3. Stage 3: making the decision to get out of a self-centered mindset and adopting a lifestyle of discipline to grow and serve others.
4. Stage 4: making the decision to embrace being a minister as a lifestyle not just on Sundays or in ministry-related settings.
5. Stage 5: making the decision to not just minister to others but raise up ministers.

Spiritual growth Questions:

- 1. What stage am I on?**
- 2. What challenges am I facing at this stage?**
- 3. What is keeping me from moving to the next stage?**

This week's application:

- **What area of ministry is the Lord saying to step in?**
- **Or, ask a member of the ekklesia or your family the question, "Is there anything I've done to break connection with you or hurt you in any way?" Come next week ready to share.**