

Questions for Personal Reflection or Small Group Discussion

- 1. Think of 3-5 of your most wonderful memories of the Church? What was it that you loved so much? Can you name some of the emotions you felt in those moments?
- 2. Now do the same for some of the more painful, disillusioning moments you have had in the Church?
- 3. How has sincerity and togetherness been modeled and experienced by you and others in the context of the local church? In your opinion, how and why has it been lacking at times? How has it helped your own transformation (and the transformation of others) to occur more deeply?
- 4. How willing on a scale of 1-10 (10 being extremely high) have you been to practice TOGETHERNESS and SINCERITY with others? What helps you commit to both? What keeps you from these two elements of being the Church?
- 5. Are we willing to give of ourselves (our time, attention, abilities and strengths) AND our resources to meet the needs of others?
- 6. What does this passage have to say about being "Rooted in Jesus, Growing in His Love [Together], [and] Branching Out to Serve Others"?