

SMORE Class @ Calder – March 31, 2013-Easter

HOPE

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we *hope* for and assurance about what we do not see.

H-HIS LOVE and His sacrifice

O-Our acceptance

P-Personal relationship, not religion

E-Eternal life

Together we can grow as the new seeds in spring.

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels--a plentiful harvest of new lives. John 12:24 (NLV)

Though it is the smallest of all **seeds**, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches. Matthew 13:32 (NIV)

Plants and trees depend on each other. Bees pollinate, growth requires certain conditions: proper amount of light [light of God], water [living water], nutrients [spiritual food].

What you need for personal spiritual growth

Proper amount of *light*: Christ is the light of the world.

“I am **the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have **the light of life**.” John 8:12 (CEB)

Water: living water is the Spirit

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of **living water** will flow from within them. John 7:38 (NIV)

Nutrients: Study and instruction-three versions

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (NIV)

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 (NIV)