## Growth Group Study - New to Faith - STEP up Bible Readings - 1 Corinthians 9:24-26 & Hebrews 5:12-6:3 17/11/2019 John Malcolm

Describe the changes and growth that take place in the first couple of years of a baby's life? What do we expect to see as signs of healthy life and development?

**Read 1 Peter 2:2.** When a person is new to the Christian faith, a spiritual baby, what changes and growth do we expect to see in their lives?

**Read Hebrews 5:12–6:3 & 1 Corinthians 3:2–3.** What is the expectation that Christians will "grow up" and what helps or hinders this in your life?

**Read 1 Corinthians 9:24–26** & **Philippians 3:13–14.** What do we discover here about the need for self-discipline?

John encouraged the congregation to STEP up.

Read Ephesians 2.8-9. Discuss what this teaches about Saving grace.

**Read John 17:17**. What place does the **T**ruth of God's word play in our Christian development?

**Read Acts 1:8.** How does the Empowering presence of the Holy Spirit help us in our spiritual growth?

**Read Philippians 4:6–7.** In what ways is **P**rayer is important to help Christians persevere in their faith?

**Read Philippians 3:13–14.** What is your spiritual exercise plan, commitment to spiritual growth that will help you *press on towards the goal*?