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A Time To Grow

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1 Corinthians 3:1-9

The Big Idea

It’s Okay To Be Spiritually _____

It’s Not Okay To Be Spiritually _____

Three Types Of People

People That _____

People That _____

People That _____

But _____ They Don’t

Two Truths About Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Takes _____

_____ Does Not _____ Spiritual Growth

Two Indicators Of Spiritual Growth

My _____ With _____

My _____ In The _____

_____ Does Not Equal _____

Memory Verse

“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”

James 1:22

MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- Today, for the first time, respond to the Gospel message and place my trust in Jesus Christ.
- Ask someone I trust, to share with me ways in which they have observed spiritual growth in my life
- Memorize James 1:22
- Get the most out of today’s teaching by attending a Life Group





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The Big Idea

It’s Okay To Be Spiritually **Young**
It’s Not Okay To Be Spiritually **Immature**

Three Types Of People

People That **Don’t Know God**

People That **Know God**

People That **Know God** But **Act Like** They Don’t

Two Truths About Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Takes **Time**

Time Does Not **Equal** Spiritual Growth

Two Indicators Of Spiritual Growth

My **Relationships** With **Others**

My **Role** In The **Kingdom**

Knowledge Does Not Equal **Spiritual Maturity**

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Discussion Questions - Week #2

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "A Time To Grow," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This weekend, we looked at this issue of spiritual maturity. Who is someone in your life whose actions lead you to believe they are spiritually mature?

On a scale of 1-10, how important is spiritual maturity in your life? What are the outward indicators that give evidence to that claim?

How would you respond to someone who asked, "Why is it important to grow spiritually?"

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul uses agricultural and architectural metaphors to speak of the spiritual life. Again, drawing on the agricultural metaphors, in Galatians 5, Paul contrasts the Spirit-filled life with a Spirit-less life. Read Galatians 5:16-26. What stands out to you most in this passage?

Practically speaking, how do you live a Spirit-led life?

Do you think the people in your life would say they experience the fruit of your connection with God? Why or why not?

What habits or rhythms have you most helpful for nurturing growth in these areas?

Which fruit of the Spirit would you like to see more of?

2. Read 1 Peter 2:1-12. In verse two, Peter likens us to newborns. How does Peter's identification of us as such differ from Paul's words regarding the church in 1 Corinthians 3:1 or Hebrews 5:11-14?

How do we cultivate the hunger for pure Spiritual milk?

In this section, Peter describes our new life in God in terms of new desires, identity, relationships, and purpose. Think back to your own conversion and share how you experienced the truth of Peter's description.

Why do you think he describes Christians in so many ways in this passage?

How does our identity revealed in this passage relate to the way we're called to live?

FOR PRACTICE

In 1 Peter 1:23, Peter says we have been born again "through the living and enduring word of God." In 1 Peter 2:2, he seemingly alludes to the same Word of God as the source of our growth. If it's not yet part of your regular routine, consider setting aside time this week to read and study God's Word. In *Spirit of the Disciplines*, Dallas Willard states, "We not only read and hear and inquire, but we meditate on what comes before us; that is we withdraw into silence where we prayerfully and steadily focus upon it" allowing God's Word to "form us as God works in the depths of our heart, mind and soul."

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

☞ According to the Joshua Project estimates, there are over 8 billion people alive today, and 3.43 billion (or over 40%) live in unreached groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, they are spiritually blind. Pray for Christian missionaries to enter these regions and for the Good News of Jesus to spread, leading to Spirit-led indigenous Christ-followers, leaders, and church plants.