

Not A Fan

But a Fully Devoted Follower of Jesus

Lesson Three • Ephesians 4:13-16

Grow In Christ

Fan or Follower?

Fully devoted followers of Jesus GROW in Christ.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Peter 3:18 NKJV

Grow In Christ:

1. What Is the GOAL of Growing in Christ?

The Goal of Growing in Christ:

CHRISTLIKENESS = being and doing more like Christ

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” ~Apostle Paul, 1Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ...Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 1:28; 2:6-7 ESV

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:13-15 NIV

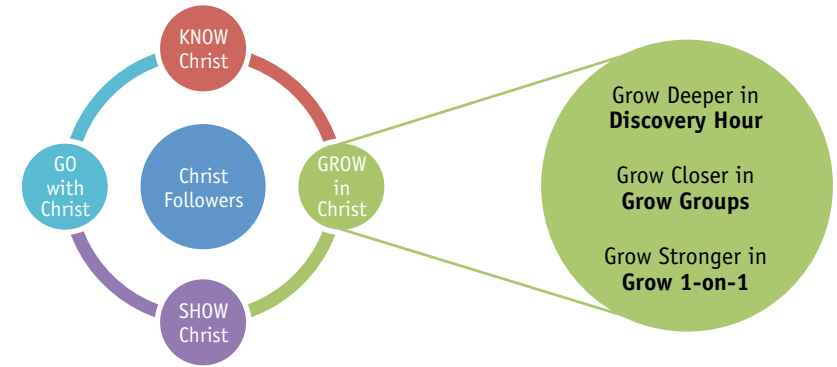
2. What Is NEEDED to Grow in Christ?

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:41-42 ESV

Three Essentials for Growing in Christ:

- We need God's WORD to grow. 1Peter 2:2
- We need God's SPIRIT to grow. John 6:63
- We need God's PEOPLE to grow. Hebrews 10:24-25

Glenwood Offers Three Opportunities to Help You Grow in Christ:



3. What HINDERS Us from Growing in Christ?

Followers of Jesus Stop Growing When:

- We NEGLECT to pay attention to God's Word. Hebrews 2:1
- We HARBOR sin grieving God's Spirit. Ephesians 4:25-32
- We FORSAKE community with God's people. Hebrews 10:23-25

DTR = "Define The Relationship"

Am I GROWING in my relationship with Christ through God's Word and God's Spirit in community with God's people?