

Grow The Tree



GROW TALLER
(SPIRITUALLY)

TALLER TOWARD THE SON

GROW BROADER
(OUTREACH)

BROADER TO PROVIDE
COVER FOR THE LOST

GROW WIDER
(DUPLICATING)

WIDER FOUNDATION OF
DISCIPLESHIP

GROW STRONGER
(RELATIONALLY)

STRONGER TOGETHER

Session 1

Growth

Isaiah 61:3 says that people can be like great oaks planted by the Lord. Some people call this process discipleship. At our church, we simply say, "Grow the Tree."

Four ways that you can Grow the Tree:

1. Grow Taller
2. Grow Stronger
3. Grow Wider
4. Grow Broader

Discipleship

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 14:21
- Matthew 4:18-22
- Mark 2:13-17
- Luke 6:12-16
- John 1:35-51

Other than being our sacrifice for salvation, Jesus' most importance accomplishments were His disciples.

Review Growth Assessment Report

Discussion Questions

- What do you think about "Grow the Tree" (discipleship)?
- What areas do you see that you could grow?
- How can I help?"

Session 2

Mentorship

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since we last met, what have you thought about growth/discipleship?
- What stood out to you from our last session?

Mentorship/Followership

- Luke 9:23
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Psalm 145:4-7
- Proverbs 9:9
- Proverbs 27:17
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8
- 2 Timothy 2:2
- 1 Peter 5:5
- Titus 2

Sometimes it is time to LEAD, sometimes it is time to FOLLOW.

Discussion Questions

- Based on what we read, what does the Bible say about mentorship?
- Which of these verses seemed to resonate with you? Why?
- When have you been mentored in past?
- What was good about it? What was difficult?
- What does it take for mentorship to be effective?
- How willing are you to be mentored?
- How can I help you grow?

Session 3

Savior & Lord

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since we last met, what have you thought about mentorship (*discipleship*)?
- What stood out to you from our last session?
- Growth Assessment Results – Questions 1 & 2

Savior & Lord

- John 3:3 & 16
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Acts 2:36-38
- Acts 4:8-12
- Romans 10:9-10
- John 14:21
- Romans 12:1-2
- Colossians 3

Discussion Questions

- Which of these verses seemed to resonate with you? Why?
- Based on what we read, what does the Bible say about Jesus being our Savior?
 - What does it mean to be “saved”?
 - Have you accepted Jesus as your savior?
- Based on what we read, what does the Bible say about Jesus being our Lord?
 - What does it mean that Jesus is your “Lord”?
 - Have you made Jesus your “Lord”?
- Based on your current circumstances, in what area(s) of your life would you like to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus?
 - How can I help?

Session 4

Growing Taller

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since we last met, what have you thought about Jesus being Savior and Lord?
- What stood out to you from our last session?
- Growth Assessment Results – Questions 3-5

We Grow Taller by Bowing Down (*Worship*)

3 Ways to Grow Taller

1. **Church** – Hebrews 10:25
2. **Bible** – 1 Corinthians 8:1b; James 1:22
 - a. **SOAP** – “The Divine Mentor” Wayne Cordeiro
 - Scripture
 - Observation
 - Application
 - Supplication
3. **Prayer** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
 - a. **ACTS**
 - Adoration
 - Confession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication

We Grow Taller by Bowing Down (*Worship*)

Discussion Questions

- What is your church background?
 - How can I help you get connected to a church?
- What Bible reading plan would you like to use?
 - How could you incorporate SOAP into your Bible reading?
- What are your prayers like?
 - How can I help you talk to Jesus?
- In what other ways can I help you grow in your relationship with Jesus?

Green, Yellow, Red

- You are more than the things you do. Sometimes, we can think that doing things is what makes us right with God. While there are things that can help us grow in our relationship, relationships are more than a list of things to do.
- How are you doing, personally? We use Green, Yellow, Red
 - Green things are going well in my life
 - Yellow.... there are a few things that are not going well in my life
 - Red things are not going well in my life
- How can I help?

Session 5

Growing Stronger

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since we last met, what have you thought about growing in your relationship with Jesus (*growing taller*)?
- How has your church participation been?
- How has your Bible time been?
- How as your prayer time been?
- How are you doing?
- Growth Assessment Results – Question 6

We Grow Stronger by Growing Our Relationships

- John 13:34-35
- Psalm 133:1
- Acts 2:42-47
- Ephesians 4

We Grow Stronger by Growing Our Relationships

Discussion Questions

- What makes new relationships so awkward?
- Other than family, who are the people that you have fun with?
- Other than family, who are the people you trust the most?
- How can I help you get connected with a small group?

Session 6

Growing Wider

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since we last met, what have you thought about growing in your relationships with people from church (*growing stronger*)?
- How has it been connecting to a small group?
- How are the main relationships in your life going?
- Growth Assessment Results – Question 7 & 8

Jesus will Raise Up those who will Give Up

- Matthew 20:20-28
- Matthew 23:11
- Philippians 2:1-18
- Luke 9:23-25
- Matthew 19:27-30
- Luke 10:1-20

Discussion Questions

- What do you think about Jesus' definition of greatness?
 - In what areas could you begin serving others?
- Now that you have been going through a growth (*discipleship*) process, what do you think about taking on the responsibility of helping other people grow?
 - Who is someone that you could help grow?
 - What would you do to help them grow?

Session 7

Growing Broader

Session Plan

1. Prayer
2. Review
3. Session Material
4. Growth Plan

Review

- Since last we met, what have you thought about the greatest being the servant?
 - ... what have you thought about helping other people grow?
- What about the person/people you thought that you could help grow?
- Growth Assessment Results – Question 8, 9, & 10

Jesus invites us to be His Messenger of Good News!

- Romans 10:14-15
- Matthew 13:18-23
 - What did Jesus say are some of the barriers that prevent people from accepting the Good News?
 - What is the potential growth outcome when the Good News grows in a person's life?
- 1 Corinthians 3:6-7
 - When it comes to sharing the Good News, what is our responsibility?
 - What is God's responsibility?
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
 - If you were to share the Good News with someone, what would you say?
 - How is that you made Jesus your Savior and Lord? Tell me the details?

Discussion Questions

- How could you summarize your story about accepting the Good News about Jesus? (*3 minutes or less, but well explained*)
- Who are the people in your life that need to hear about Jesus?
- How could you prepare their hearts to receive Jesus, like cultivating good soil?

Session 8

Get to Work

Session Plan

1. Large Group
2. Small Group
3. One to one

Review

- What happened last week?
- Growth Assessment Results – Question 8, 10-17

It's Time to Get to Work

- James 1:22-25

Review the Growth Materials (*Folder*)

Small Group

- Each small group, go through one session.
- What are some good elements to the material?
- What could be improved upon?
- Overall, how would you rate the material as a tool?

One To One Questions

- How would you use the material to help someone grow?
- How open are you to taking the next step and helping someone grow?
 - What is exciting about that opportunity?
 - What is uncertain about that opportunity?