



Sermon-Based Study Guide

May 22, 2016
"GROW"

Scripture Source: 2 Peter 3:17-18, Acts 2:42-47

1. Describe a time when you experienced noticeable spiritual growth? What were the circumstances and the catalysts?
2. Describe a time of spiritual dryness...how did you deal with that hard reality?
3. Becoming is not the end of the journey: why do we need to see the Christian life as a marathon and not a sprint?
4. The Christian life starts with a conversion to Jesus. Reflect upon John 1:12, and 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is involved in a spiritual 'start' with Jesus?
5. 'To grow as a Christian', what does that phrase mean to you?
6. What is to be the point or purpose of spiritual and emotional growth? Read Romans 8:29
7. What does this Christlikeness look like?
8. What do the early believers teach us about 'environments and exercises'? Discuss the practices and settings revealed in Acts 2:42-47
9. The Three T's: Table: connecting; Text: learning; Towel: serving
Which T do you gravitate to and which one do you experience 'drift'?
10. John talked about believers assuming full responsibility for their growth and receiving assistance from the church.

Are you proactively assuming full responsibility...or do you at times expect the church to make growth happen for you?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our growth? Can you identify Scriptures that shed light on the need for active cooperation with the Holy Spirit?