

Spiritual Growth Class

Spiritual Growth Self-Assessment

The Prerequisite for Growth in Christ: **Salvation**

The Essential Place of the Fruit of the Spirit: The Umbrella Over Our Spiritual Growth:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

How can I know I am growing as a disciple?

- Markers of spiritual maturity

Bible Engagement: Growth in Knowing, Loving, and Applying God's Word

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16,17

- The example of Jesus (Upward)
- The life of a disciple (Inward)
- The impact on our world (Outward)

The power of an unchanging message in an uncertain world

Passionate Prayer: Growth in Communicating with God One-on-One and in Community with Others

Pray continually.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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How talking with God opens our hearts to the world.

Wholehearted Worship: Lifting God Up to His Proper Place

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Psalm 95:6

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How praise, celebration & worship propel us outward & draws the world in

Humble Service: We Must Become Less and Learn to Serve

"For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

- The example of Jesus (Upward)
- The life of a disciple (Inward)

- The impact on our world (Outward)

How caring hearts and compassionate hands show God's love for all people

Joyful Generosity: We Give Because He Gave It All

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1,2

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How sharing our time, resources, and abilities captures the attention of the world

Consistent Community: Fellowship within the Church

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

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Consistent community...Glorifies God, blesses us, shows the presence of Jesus to the world!

The power of togetherness in a polarized world

Organic Outreach: Organically Reaching the World with God's Love

Jesus' mission statement:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10

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- The impact on our world (Outward)

Love as I have loved you

Is discipleship bigger than my relationship with Jesus? Yes!

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2

The power of four generations: 2-2-2 Lifestyle

- Generation 1: Paul teaches and invests in Timothy, a young pastor.
- Generation 2: Timothy receives Paul's influence and grows as a Jesus follower.
- Generation 3: Timothy entrusts what he is learning to others who are reliable.
- Generation 4: Those reliable people teach others.

Discipleship happens every time one believer takes the hand of another and helps them move closer to Jesus.

Grow in love with Jesus and become like Him (discipleship) and love your neighbor with God's heart (evangelism).