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### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 How have you defined Spiritual Growth in the past? What does it mean to you to grow spiritually?
- 3 Do you have anyone in your life that exemplifies spiritual growth? What does their life look like? And what about them do you admire?
- 4 Read Colossians 1:9-10. According to this passage, what role does knowledge play when it comes to spiritual growth?
- 5 Read James 2:14-26. According to James, what is the role of "good deeds" in our Christian life?
- 6 What could be some possible pitfalls of focusing on only knowledge or only good deeds? How do you find a balance between the two?
- 7 How can we be praying for you this week?

### Upcoming Events

- 8.14 | Fall Small Groups Kickoff
- 8.21 | Young Adult Ministry Launch
- 8.24 | Membership Dinner at Rancho
- 8.27 | Young Married Date Night
- 8.31 | Membership Dinner at Lakeside



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## Spiritual Growth

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### What is Spiritual Growth?

*"Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being **ineffective** and **unproductive** in your **knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"*

2 PETER 1:5-8 (NIV)

**Goal of Spiritual Growth: To become more like Jesus.**

*"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."*

1 JOHN 2:6 (NIV)

### Spiritual Growth

1 \_\_\_\_\_ a pattern

*"All the believers were together and had everything in common."*

ACTS 2:44 (NIV)

Growth has a pattern of \_\_\_\_\_

"Plant and harvest your crops for six years, but let the land be renewed and lie uncultivated during the seventh year."

EXODUS 23:10-11a (NLT)

"You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God..."

EXODUS 20:9-10a (NLT)

**10.10.10** - To reach ten thousand people, it's going to require we have people who are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_, not spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 \_\_\_\_\_ in different places

"Every day they continued to meet together in the **temple courts**. They broke bread in their **homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."

ACTS 2:46 (NIV)

### 4 Spaces to Grow

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Space - 20 or more people
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Space - 5-20 people
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Space - 2-5 people
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Space - Between 2 people

We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with others in all 4 spaces.

Groups intentionally move people from \_\_\_\_\_ space to \_\_\_\_\_.

Groups provide a safe place to decide who to become \_\_\_\_\_ with.

## 3 \_\_\_\_\_ on people

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship..."

ACTS 2:42a (NIV)

We can be around \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ to nobody.

## 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a balance between truth and life

"Jesus told him, 'I am the Way – yes, and the Truth and the Life.'"

JOHN 14:6a (LB)

Truth-focused groups are good in that they emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_, but are limited because they tend to focus only on getting the right answer.

Life-focused groups are good in that they emphasize doing life \_\_\_\_\_, but are limited because they tend to focus only on personal experience.

Biblical Groups focus on \_\_\_\_\_, not on information or introspection.

Groups are where God's \_\_\_\_\_ meets my \_\_\_\_\_.

## Spiritual Decay

1 FORGETS about other people

2 FINDS one place for growth

3 FORCES unhealthy or unnatural growth

4 FOCUSES only on truth or only on life experiences