

FOR Everyone

Part 2: WHY, WHAT AND HOW

INTRODUCTION

Seasons of growth and change can be exciting yet challenging times in our lives, full of new possibilities and opportunities. Growth always requires a clear vision (what you see) and mission (what you do). Where are you growing in your life right now or where would you like to experience growth? What is the most important thing you can do right now to pursue that growth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a potential growth area in your life right now. What is the “why” behind your desire for growth in that area? What is your “main thing”?
2. Review the Five Things that Grow Your Faith:
 - Pivotal Circumstances
 - Practical Teaching
 - Providential Relationships
 - Private Disciplines
 - Personal MinistryWhich of these have you experienced recently and how did it help you grow? Are you encountering any of these in your life right now?
3. Read John 15:5. The first of the three vital relationships is Intimacy with God. Jesus tells his disciples to “remain (or abide) in me.” What does it mean for you to “remain” or “abide” in Jesus? Why is abiding in Christ—Intimacy with God—important for growth?
4. Read John 15:8. In addition to abiding in Jesus, one of the ways we grow is to stop being consumers and start or continue being producers. What are some ways you are producing fruit?
5. What are some ways you can move from being a consumer to a producer?

MOVING FORWARD

As you think about that area of growth you are pursuing right now, consider some ways you can abide in Christ this week. If possible, share these with your group and ask for their prayers and encouragement as you move forward.