



July 19, 2015

Hope for Growth

2 Peter 1:3-9

Ephesians 4:11-16

Discuss:

[Q] Sermon Response: What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be:

Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.

Is there any action you want to take as a result of the worship time or message?

[Q] What has God used in your life to grow you the most spiritually? Please describe.

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4.

[Q] What do you feel you need right now for living a godly life?

[Q] According to Paul, what part does knowing Him (v.3) and His promises (v.4) play in your calling?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-9.

[Q] What is the *reason* referred to in verse 5?

[Q] What do you think it means to *make every effort* to grow?

[Q] What problems arise for those who are not growing? (v. 8-9)

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

[Q] What are the signs of growth and maturity from this passage (vv. 13, 15-16)? What are the signs of immaturity (v. 14)?

[Q] What is the role of Christ, the Head? What is the role of other believers in your growth?

[Q] Why do you think some believers seem disinterested in growing spiritually?

Apply:

[Q] Where would you say you are in this journey of spiritual growth?

- What journey?
- Starting out
- Stalled - need a jumpstart
- Walking – en route
- Sidetracked
- Running
- Sweating – the road is steep!
- Other _____

[Q] In what ways do you need to grow? (Knowledge? Faith? Love? Fruit?) How will you *make every effort* to grow? (Be specific.) How can our group help?

Parents: [Q] How do you communicate to your children that you are still growing?

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

Pray

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