



6:30p Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

"Don't Waste Your Summer: Grow On Purpose!"
How to Grow Spiritually (Even When It's Hot Outside)
John 15:1-8

Opening Discussion - What's one thing you do every summer that makes you feel like summer is officially here? How is your spiritual growth impacted by the summertime?

How To Grow Spiritually

- I. **Know Your** _____
 - Jesus is the vine; His followers are the branches.
 - Why is it freeing (and humbling) to know that spiritual growth isn't about your effort, but about staying close to Jesus?
- II. **Know Your** _____
 - What does abiding in Christ look like practically?
 - Are you "visiting" Christ or *living* in Him daily?
- III. **Know Your** _____
 - How does abiding in Christ change *what we pray for*? How does Scripture shape your desires?
- IV. **Know Your** _____
 - Three Kinds of Fruit:
 - *Godly character* (Gal. 5:22-23); *Good works & service* (Eph. 2:10); *Making disciples* (Matt. 28:19; 2 Tim. 2:1-2)

Practical Growth Habits for the Summer (And Every Season)

1. **Grow in the Word and Prayer** (1 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 4:14-16; 1 Jn. 5:14-15)
 - Intentionally plan a time and space to study God's Word and seek Him in prayer.
2. **Grow with Believers** (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - Make it a priority to worship in person and attend bible study with others.
 - Intentionally plan to spend time with people who will help you grow in your faith
 - Every disciple needs a Paul, Barnabus, and Timothy (Mentor/Peer/Mentee).
3. **Grow by Serving** (Gal. 5:13-14)
 - Look up – Where are you and Jesus? Are Christ's priorities your priorities?
 - Look within – How can your spiritual gifts be used to serve others?
 - Look around – What are the needs you see around you?
4. **Grow in Sharing the Gospel** (Col. 1:21-29)
 - Practice sharing your testimony (preferably in 1-2 minutes).
 - Learn a simple evangelism method (ex: 3 circles).
 - Pray for one person to talk to about Jesus this summer.

Conclusion

Spiritual maturity has no off season. As believers, we are called to continually grow in Christ. As Christians continually grow in Christ, we continue to be witnesses for Christ to reach the lost men and women who need the Savior.

Personal Follow Up

- **Decide** – Have I made the decision to follow Jesus?
- **Discern** – Personally, in what area is the Lord calling me to grow spiritually?
- **Do** – For the next two weeks, focus on one growth habit you feel you've neglected the most.