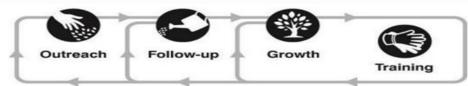


Sermon Notes

**Prayerful Dependence On the Holy Spirit in the Process Of Gospel Growth** John 15:1-8 (pew Bible pgs. 901-902)

> Discipleship happens as God's people proclaim God's Word in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit with perseverance.

> > The Gospel Growth Process:



#### The Outreach Stage:

The Spirit's Role: John 6:63, 15:26, 16:8-11

The Disciple's Prayer: "Holy Spirit, do what only you can do, while you fill me and lead me to go where you would have me go and proclaim what you would have me say" (Acts 1:8, 8:29)

## The Follow-up Stage:

The Spirit's Role: John 14:26, 16:13-15

The Disciple's Prayer: Holy Spirit, make my love for my brother/sister increase and abound so that they may be grounded and established in the faith. (I Thessalonians 3:11-13)

## The Growth Stage:

The Spirit's Role: Ezekiel 36:27, I Corinthians 2:9-16

The Disciple's Prayer: "Father of glory, give us "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may know and apply all that we have in Christ, and help our brothers and sisters in Christ do the same" (Ephesians 1:17)

## The Training Stage:

The Spirit's Role: Galatians 5:16-26, Philippians 2:1-11

The Disciple's Prayer: "Father, fill us with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so we can walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing you and bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10)

# Know

What does God intend for me to know? In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...

I was reminded...

A question I still have...

A truth I could share...

I was challenged...

I was convicted...

I need to dig deeper into...

I was encouraged to ...

Be (Consider) —

## What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider? In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey? How am I compelled to exalt God? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a principle to follow? Is there an example to follow? Am I convicted to confess any sin? Is there a sin to avoid? How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel? How can I pray for someone else? What am I compelled to love or desire?



How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

How does an understanding of this whole process of Christian growth and maturity open to us the fullness of what the gospel really is?

How does fervency in prayer and fervency to speak the Word into the lives of others go hand in hand?

I heard it said very recently, "every believer should have intentional relationships with (1) someone much more mature in Christ, (2) someone at about the same point in their walk, and (3) someone who is 'younger' in the faith." Do you agree? What is the purpose for each? Is this true for you?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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