

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO GROW UP AS A CHRISTIAN — WEEK 1
2 Peter 3:18

ICEBREAKER: What's your favorite room in your home? Why?

OVERVIEW: When you first become a Christian, you are just a baby. Your spiritual knowledge is very limited. Your character is not very Christlike. You have a lot of sins that need to be cleaned up. You make lots of mistakes. And that's okay because you are a baby-Christian. But God doesn't want you to remain a spiritual baby forever; He expects you to grow up. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to grow up as a Christian.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What has God been teaching you lately, or how has God been growing you lately?
3. What are some ways that you want/need to grow spiritually?
4. What are some ways that God has grown you and changed you since you first became a Christian?
5. Read Colossians 1:9-12 and answer the following questions.
 - a) Who is the author and recipient of this epistle?
 - b) In one sentence, summarize what the author is praying for?

- c) How does the author want the recipients to grow?
- d) Why does he want them to grow?

6. Refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. Read 2 Peter 3:18. What does this verse teach about spiritual growth?
7. How is spiritual growth like farming?
8. What are the five growth habits that we will discuss in this series?
9. Why is corporate worship important for your spiritual growth?
10. How can you get the most out of corporate worship?
11. Why is Home Group important for your spiritual growth?
12. How can you get the most out of Home Group?

The Last Word: Don't confuse the spiritual growth habits with spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity is ultimately measured by Christlike character, biblical understanding, and intimacy with Jesus.