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Growing in God Christ Church Home Groups Summer 2026



*Christ Church
Theme Verse
2026*

*Now this is eternal life: that
they know you, the only true
God, and Jesus Christ, whom
you have sent.*

John 17:3

'Time waits for no man' so the adage goes.

All you have to do to age is stand still but growth takes vision commitment and practice. It is the constant calling of the Christian life. There is no standing still in the Christian life.

No matter how long we have been a Christian there is always more room to grow. Paul talks of *'staying on ahead'* as he nears the end of his life, *'to win the prize'*.

This summer we will look at the some the basics of growth, things we may need to be reminded of, called back to and avail ourselves of.

God has given everything we need for life and godliness

Peter says, and to that we now turn.

Week 1: The Call to Grow

Text: 2 Peter 1:3–11

Theme: Growth is central to the Christian life.

Reflection:

Peter emphasizes that “his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.” Growth is not self-improvement but participation in divine life.

J I Packer wrote:

“Real spiritual growth is always growth downward, so to speak, into profounder humility, which in healthy souls will become more and more apparent as they age.”

Growth flows from grace, not guilt. Yet effort is required—“make every effort” (v.5).

Questions:

1. What does Peter say God has already given us? (vv.3–4)
2. How does this shape our understanding of spiritual growth?
3. What virtues are listed in verses 5–7, and how do they build on one another?
 4. What does it mean to be “ineffective or unfruitful”?
 5. How does forgetting the gospel hinder growth? (v.9)
 6. Where do you see stagnation in your own spiritual life?
7. What role does effort play in growth, according to this passage?
8. Practically, what is one step you can take this week to “make every effort”?

Week 2: Abiding in Christ

Text: John 15:1–11

Theme: Growth comes through union with Christ.

Reflection:

Jesus presents growth as abiding—not striving. Fruitfulness flows from connection.

Andrew Murray wrote:

“Abiding in Christ is not a work that we have to do, but a consent to a work that He does.”

Prayer becomes central here—not as performance but as dependence (v.7).

Questions:

1. What does Jesus mean by “abide”?
2. What happens to branches that do not remain in the vine?
 3. What is the role of the Father as gardener?
 4. How is pruning both painful and purposeful?
5. What is the connection between abiding and prayer? (v.7)
 6. How does abiding relate to obedience? (v.10)
7. Where are you tempted to rely on yourself instead of Christ?
8. What would it look like to intentionally “abide” this week?

Week 3: The Word That Transforms

Text: Psalm 1; 2 Timothy 3:14–17

Theme: Scripture is essential for growth.

Reflection:

The righteous person meditates on God’s law “day and night.” Growth requires saturation in Scripture.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said:

“The Word of Scripture should never stop sounding in your ears and working in you all day long.”

Scripture shapes thinking, desires, and actions.

Questions:

1. What contrasts are drawn in Psalm 1?
2. What does it mean to “meditate” on God’s Word?
3. How does Scripture nourish spiritual life?
4. According to 2 Timothy, what is Scripture useful for?
5. How does Scripture equip us for good works?
6. What hinders regular engagement with the Bible?
7. What habits help you delight in God’s Word?
8. What practical plan can you adopt this week?

Week 4: Prayer as Relationship

Text: Matthew 6:5–13

Theme: Prayer is communion with God, not performance.

Reflection:

Jesus teaches simplicity, sincerity, and trust in prayer.

Teresa of Ávila wrote:

“Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”

The Lord’s Prayer shapes both our desires and our dependence.

Questions:

1. What wrong motivations for prayer does Jesus challenge?
 2. What does “Our Father” reveal about God?
 3. How do the first three petitions shape our priorities?
 4. What does daily bread teach us about dependence?
 5. Why is forgiveness central to prayer?
 6. How does prayer reshape your desires?
 7. What challenges do you face in prayer?
 8. What specific time or rhythm of prayer can you commit to?
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Week 5: The Role of the Spirit

Text: Galatians 5:16–25

Theme: Growth is the fruit of the Spirit.

Reflection:

Christian growth is not behaviour modification but Spirit transformation.

John Stott wrote:

“The Holy Spirit is the chief agent of transformation.”

We are called to “walk by the Spirit”—a daily dependence.

Questions:

1. What conflict does Paul describe in this passage?
2. What are the works of the flesh?
3. What is the fruit of the Spirit?
4. Why is fruit singular but varied?
5. What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit”?
6. How do we “keep in step” with the Spirit?
7. Which fruit do you most long to grow in?
8. What practices help you depend on the Spirit?

Week 6: Repentance and Renewal

Text: Psalm 51

Theme: Growth includes ongoing repentance.

Reflection:

David shows that growth involves honest confession and renewal.

Martin Luther wrote:

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent,’ he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

Repentance leads not to despair but to restoration.

Questions:

1. What does David ask God to do?
2. How does he describe his sin?
3. What does true repentance look like here?
 4. What is the role of God’s mercy?
 5. How does confession lead to joy?
 6. Why do we resist repentance?
7. What sin might God be calling you to bring into the light?
 8. How can you practice regular repentance?

Week 7: Community and Growth

Text: Hebrews 10:19–25

Theme: Growth happens in community.

Reflection:

We are not meant to grow alone.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

“The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God’s Word to him.”

Encouragement and accountability are essential.

Questions:

1. What confidence do we have through Christ?
2. What does it mean to “draw near”?
3. Why is holding fast important?
4. What does “stir up one another” mean?
5. Why is meeting together essential?
6. How does isolation hinder growth?
7. Who encourages your faith?
8. How can you encourage others this week?

Week 8: Trials and Maturity

Text: James 1:2–8

Theme: God uses trials to grow us.

Reflection:

Trials are not obstacles to growth but instruments of it.

C.S. Lewis wrote:

“God whispers to us in our pleasures... but shouts in our pains.”

Endurance produces maturity.

Questions:

1. Why should we consider trials joy?
2. What does perseverance produce?
3. What does it mean to lack nothing?
4. Why is wisdom needed in trials?
5. What does doubting reveal?
6. How have trials shaped your faith?
7. What trial are you currently facing?
8. How can you respond in faith this week?

Week 9: Worship and Delight

Text: Psalm 63

Theme: Growth involves delighting in God.

Reflection:

Spiritual growth is not just duty—it is delight.

Augustine wrote:

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

Worship reorders our loves.

Questions:

1. How does David describe his longing for God?
2. What satisfies him?
3. How does worship happen beyond gatherings?
4. What role does memory play in worship?
5. What competes for your affection?
6. How does worship shape your daily life?
7. When do you most feel delight in God?
8. How can you cultivate worship this week?

Week 10: Perseverance and Glory

Text: Philippians 1:3–11

Theme: God completes the work He begins.

Reflection:

Growth is sustained by God's faithfulness.

Jonathan Edwards wrote:

"The surest sign of true grace is perseverance."

We press on because God is at work in us.

Questions:

1. What confidence does Paul express?
2. What is God's role in our growth?
3. How does love grow in knowledge and discernment?
4. What does it mean to be "pure and blameless"?
5. What is the goal of spiritual growth?
6. How does hope shape perseverance?
7. Where are you tempted to give up?
8. What has God grown in you over these weeks?

