Discipleship Group Study #2 GROW IN CHRIST

This is the second of four studies your Discipleship Group will use. The purpose of this study is to build on your desire to love God with disciplines to integrate into your life. God gives us many means to grow spiritually. Sometimes this means eliminating bad habits or appropriating new, healthy habits. Rarely do we immediately make multiple drastic shifts in our lifestyle, but there is always a clear next step! This study is designed to help you discern your clear next step in spiritual growth. The hope is that this next step then becomes a *personal commitment* to share with your group.

LOOKING BACK

1. How are you doing with the specific commitment you made at the previous meeting to grow your love for God?

LOOKING UP

OPENING QUESTION

2. What is a skill that you've developed over time? What was required of you to grow that skill?

READ: Colossians 2:6-7

EXPLORE

- 3. To whom is this passage written? How do you
- 4. What is this passage calling us to do? What words does it use to elaborate on this?
- 5. What attitude does this passage call us to have?

DISCUSS

- 6. What does it mean to receive "Christ Jesus"?
- 7. What does it mean to receive Jesus as Lord? Why is it important that we make Him not only the Savior of our life but the Lord of our life?
- 8. How did you receive Christ? What were the circumstances that led to that decision?
- 9. What is implied by the phrase "walk with God?"
- 10. In what way(s) is receiving Jesus and walking in Jesus similar? Read Galatians 3:2-3. What is our temptation as we continue our Christian walk? How do we counteract this?
- 11. How do we become "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith?" Be specific.



LOOKING FORWARD

APPLY

- 12. In what ways have you grown spiritually since becoming a Christian? To what do you credit that growth?
- 13. In what ways are you currently wanting to grow spiritually? Why?
- 14. What unhelpful habits do you want to limit or eliminate that would benefit the ways you want to grow spiritually?
- 15. What helpful habits do you want to instill or increase that would benefit the ways you want to grow spiritually?

COMMIT

16. What is your one clear commitment toward developing your devotion to Christ for this coming week?

PRAY

17. Spend time praying for God's grace and strength to help each person take their next step forward spiritually.