

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH GROUP LIFE

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I. BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

- A. Spiritual growth is a _____, not a destination.
1. It's a point in time and it's a _____.
 2. It's a _____ quest, not a linear accomplishment.
- B. Spiritual growth is a _____, not an individual endeavor.
1. We can't reach our _____ without other people.
 2. We can't become fully alive without the involvement of others.
- C. _____ is important, but not the highest pursuit.
1. Acquisition is core to our _____ system.
 2. Application is core to life transformation.

II. CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS

- A. Growing _____ is equivalent to a growing life.
1. God leverages multiple influences to grow us.
 2. These influences _____ and _____ our growth.
- B. Growing _____ validates a growing life.
1. It demonstrates our growing faith.
 2. It is the preeminent _____ of the spiritual life.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The individual's role is to . . .
1. Take _____.
 2. Stay curious.
 3. Take a _____.
- B. The church's role is to partner with people considering . . .
1. Personal _____.

The church is not responsible for the process; it is a _____ in the process.

2. Spiritual _____.

The needs of skeptical seekers are different than the needs of seasoned believers.

3. _____

The most significant equipping should be focused on the most-fully _____.

IV. GROUPS AND GROWTH

A. We all begin our journeys the same way.

1. There's a starting point _____.
2. That experience fuels our _____.
3. Our zeal propels our _____.

B. We all hit _____ along the way.

1. They can be due to _____.
2. They can be due to _____.
3. They can be due to a practice.

C. Connected people are better positioned to _____ life as it happens.

1. Connected people are better positioned to receive _____.
2. Connected people are better positioned to receive _____.

D. Small groups provide five things in the growth process:

1. Connection
2. Encouragement
3. Accountability
4. Perspective
5. Support

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