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Message Info

Title:

Explore Pt. 9 –
Understanding Growth

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Scriptures:

Gal. 3:1-6



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Kid's Corner

1. Ask your father or mother where they have seen growth in your life.
2. Ask them why they think it has occurred in you.
3. Do you agree with their answers? Why or why not?

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Explore Part 9: Understanding Growth

Proposition: We must not become idle because Christians are called to grow

Notes: There are three traits of growth in Christ that we're called to.

1. Our growth flows from the same source as our salvation
 - a. Growth in the Christian life comes primarily from the same place where the Christian life began – the sacrifice of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ.
 - b. Another way to say it is that our sanctification is always happening within the context of our justification.
2. Our growth is measured by biblical definitions
 - a. We should have demonstrable outward growth in our lives – something others can pick up on with a fair amount of ease.
 - b. The kind of growth we're looking for is found in Gal.5:22-23.
3. Our growth needs to be nourished
 - a. Unbelief is our greatest enemy. Acts 14:2 sees unbelief as poison. Hebrews 3:12 states that unbelief is evil and causes some to fall away from the living God.

Questions:

1. Put into your own words what the source of your salvation is (i.e. describe your encounter with the gospel). In the message it was stated that growth in the Christian life is vitally connected to going back to the source. How would you describe how a believer lives his/her life connected to the gospel on a daily basis?
2. Unbelief is one of the Christian's greatest enemies. Exposing the presence of fear and anxiety in our lives will usually expose the presence of unbelief. What do you fear or worry about? What does that say about your view of God and his presence in your life?
3. Do you resist growth in any of the following areas – bible reading, prayer, attendance at Caregroup, or listening to and applying the preached word? Where are you convicted that growth needs to occur in your Christian life? What is the first and second step that God is asking you to take?