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Discussion Guide “Grow in Faith” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Think about someone who’s had a meaningful impact on your life through the way they lived, encouraged you, challenged you, or simply showed up for you. Who is someone who has helped you grow, and what did they do that made a difference in your life?

Sermon Summary

Spiritual growth isn’t about how long we’ve followed Jesus or how much we know. It’s about becoming more like Christ and allowing God to transform the ways we live. As we lean into God and grow together in community, He matures our faith, strengthens our character, and leads us into greater freedom and purpose.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Matthew 5:48](#)

[James 4:8](#)

[Hebrews 5:12–14](#)

[Philippians 3:12–15](#)

[1 John 1:9](#)

[1 Corinthians 3:1–9](#)

[1 Peter 1:6–7](#)

[Ephesians 4:14–16](#)

[Galatians 5:1](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:9–11](#)

[Philippians 1:6](#)

[1 Peter 2:2](#)

[Romans 8:28](#)

[James 5:16](#)

[Acts 2:42–47](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:23–24](#)

[2 Peter 1:5–8](#)

[James 1:2–4](#)

[1 Timothy 4:7–8](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What does spiritual maturity look like in your life right now, and where do you sense God inviting you to grow?
2. How can someone spend years in church without necessarily growing in their faith?

3. Pastor Daniel shared, “Information doesn’t lead to transformation.” What is the difference between knowing something about God and allowing that truth to change the way you live?
4. Which characteristic of spiritual maturity mentioned in the sermon—treating people well, discernment, standing firm, or suffering well—challenges you the most? Why?
5. Why do you think community is such an important part of spiritual growth? What can happen in relationships that may not happen when we try to grow alone?

Go Deeper

1. Study [1 Samuel 18:1–5; 20:1–42](#) (David and Jonathan). Who has God placed in your life who encourages you to become more like Christ?
2. Study [Acts 18:24–28](#) (Priscilla and Aquila). What could you learn from someone further along in their faith, and what could you pour into someone else?
3. Study [John 13:1–17](#) (Jesus and the Disciples). How could serving someone else become an opportunity for God to grow your character?

Apply

1. Ask God to reveal a specific area of your character, relationships, or faith where you need to mature.
2. Take one truth from Scripture that you already know and intentionally put it into practice this week.
3. Find a small group, trusted friend, or mature believer with whom you can be honest, encouraged, challenged, and known.
4. Ask yourself or someone close to you, “Am I easier to live with, more discerning, more resilient, and more like Jesus than I was a year ago?”

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to deepen your hunger for Him and continue maturing you to become more like Christ.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to move biblical truth from your head into the way you think, speak, and live.
3. Ask God to surround you with relationships that encourage spiritual growth and give you courage to be known authentically.
4. Ask God to reveal areas where you are still living under old patterns and lead you into the freedom Christ has given you.

Leadership Tip

Create an environment where people can be honest about where they are still growing. Rather than allowing the discussion to become a comparison of who is “more mature,” remind the group that spiritual growth is a lifelong journey. Consider sharing an area where you are still growing first; your vulnerability can give others permission to take off their masks and engage honestly.