

Series: Mission Forward
It's Time to Grow Up
John 15:1-9, 16-17, Galatians 3:3, 5:22-23.

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It's Time to Grow Up Message Notes

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of October 26/27, 2024

MY STORY

1. During the message this weekend, Pastor Ryan read a quote from the study *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, "I was a Christian for 22 years, but instead of being a 22-year-old Christian, I was a 1-year-old Christian 22 times." What do you think was meant by that quote?
2. How long have you known Jesus? What age Christian would you say you are and why?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, touched, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Over the weekend, Pastor Ryan shared about Pure Heart's core value, Healthy Growth. Pastor Ryan talked about being a potted Christian vs. a planted Christian. What is the difference, and which one do you identify with most?

2. This week as we think about Healthy Growth, let's look one of the parables Jesus told. Let's read Luke 8:4-15 and think about what we can learn about healthy growth from Jesus' words.
 - a. What is the first type of seed Jesus mentions, and what did He say it meant? What does that look like today?
 - b. What is the second type of seed, and what did Jesus say it meant? What does this look like today?
 - c. What is the third type of seed, and what did Jesus say it means? What does this look like today?
 - d. You know where we are headed...answer the same questions about the fourth type of seed.
 - e. How does this fourth type relate to Pastor Ryan's message and the verses in John 15 about the vine and branches?
3. Pastor Ryan shared three important pieces of healthy growth as a follower of Jesus: connection, Jesus, and pruning. Being connected to God, understanding we cannot grow on our own,

and the fact that there will be times in life that God needs to cut away unhealthy growth. Of these three areas, which do you think you need to surrender to most and why?

a. What is standing in the way of healthy growth in your relationship with Jesus, and what can you do to start growing again?

4. As we wrap up this week, let's read one more section of Scripture that guides us to healthy growth. Read Colossians 2:6-7 and write down what God says to you as you read.

TAKING IT HOME

Remaining or abiding in the Vine is not hard, but it is important to remember that we are continually living through a spiritual battle for our soul. We have a real enemy who is trying to draw our attention away from Jesus. John 10:10 tells us the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and 1 Peter 5:8 tells us the enemy is looking for someone to devour.

The enemy must only distract us enough to take our eyes off Jesus in order to stunt our growth. This week, really think about how you go about abiding. Consider these simple practices to help you abide: connect with God first thing in the morning, read Scripture in the afternoon and before you go to bed, spend a few minutes thanking God for His presence each day, and don't go one hour without talking to God...just wait and see what He does!