

# HOW WE GROW GOD'S PEOPLE

## BUILD THE DREAM – PART 4

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### FIVE COMMON TYPES OF CHURCHES

	PRIMARY FOCUS	PASTOR'S ROLE	PEOPLE'S ROLE	CENTRAL VALUE
Soul Winning Church	Evangelism	Evangelist	Witnesses	<b>DECISIONS</b>
Experiencing God Church	<b>WORSHIP</b>	Worship Leader	Worshippers	Experience
The Family Reunion Church	Fellowship	Chaplain	Family Members	<b>TRADITION</b>
Bible Classroom Church	<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	Instructor	Students	Bible Knowledge
Social Conscience Church	Ministry	Reformer	<b>ACTIVISTS</b>	Justice & Mercy

Jesus' DREAM church was a **DISCIPLE-MAKING** church!

*"God wants us to grow up...like Christ in everything." (Ephesians 4:15, The Message)*

## THE MYTHS OF GROWTH

### 1. GROWTH IS **AUTOMATIC**.

TRUTH = SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS **INTENTIONAL**.

*"...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;" (1 Timothy 4:7, NASB95)*

*"...make every effort to add to your faith goodness...knowledge...self-control...perseverance...godliness...brotherly kindness...love." (2 Peter 1:5-7, NIV84)*

**We grow by making and keeping **COMMITMENTS**!**

*"He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds." (Titus 2:14, NLT)*

### 2. I CAN GROW BY **MYSELF**.

TRUTH = SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS **RELATIONAL**.

*"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." (Ephesians 4:16, NLT)*

**How Jesus made disciples:**

- Teaching **TRUTH**.
- Doing **LIFE**.

*“Tell believers to live the kind of life that goes along with accurate teachings.”  
(Titus 2:1, GW)*

**3. GROWTH IS MEASURED BY KNOWLEDGE.**

*“...knowledge puffs up while love builds up.” (1 Corinthians 8:1, NIV)*

TRUTH = SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS MEASURABLE.

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.” (James 1:22–24, NLT)*

**4. GROWTH CAN BE QUICK!**

TRUTH = SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS INCREMENTAL.

*“Come and see...” (John 1:39, NLT) -> “...If any of you wants to be my follower, you must...take up your cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24, NLT)*



*“This is the kind of life you’ve been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step.” (1 Peter 2:21, The Message)*

**ACTION STEPS**  
**SUPER CLASS / B.I.B.L.E. OVERVIEW**