



Jesus Grew – Luke 2:52

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“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” — Luke 2:52

Opening Question

What is one area of your life where you can clearly see growth over the last few years?

Read Together

- Luke 2:41-52
 - Hebrews 5:8
 - Philippians 2:6-8
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Discussion Questions

1. Jesus Was Fully God and Fully Human

Jesus was not partly God and partly man. He was fully both.

Read:



- Acts 4:12
- Hebrews 4:15
- Matthew 11:28-29
- John 4:6

Discuss:

- Why is it important that Jesus understands human weakness and suffering?
 - Which example from the sermon stood out most to you:
 - Jesus grew tired
 - Jesus was hungry
 - Jesus wept
 - Jesus was tempted
 - How does Jesus' humanity help you trust Him more personally?
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2. We Have a Mandate for Growth

God never intended believers to remain spiritually stagnant.

Read:

- Proverbs 24:16
- Philippians 3:12-14
- Acts 16:5

Discuss:

- Why do people sometimes resist growth or change?
 - What does spiritual stagnation look like?
 - The sermon said, "It's okay to not be okay... it's just not okay to stay that way." What does that mean to you?
 - Where do you feel God calling you to grow right now?
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3. Growth Is Intentional



Spiritual maturity does not happen accidentally.

Discuss:

- What habits or disciplines have helped you grow spiritually?
 - What distractions or excuses tend to keep you from growing?
 - Why is intentional community important for spiritual growth?
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4. Jesus Is Our Model for Growth

Even after understanding His identity and calling, Jesus still embraced seasons of preparation and hidden development.

Read:

- Luke 2:46-52

Discuss:

- Why do you think Jesus submitted to years of ordinary growth before public ministry?
 - How can hidden seasons prepare us for future purpose?
 - Have you ever struggled with wanting God to move faster in your life?
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5. The Four Areas Jesus Grew

A. Wisdom — Intellectual Growth

Read:

- Colossians 1:9

Discuss:



- What is the difference between knowledge, understanding, and wisdom?
- How can we grow in wisdom practically?
- Who in your life models godly wisdom well?

Key Definitions:

- Knowledge = Information
 - Understanding = Grasping what information means
 - Wisdom = Knowing how to apply it
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B. Stature — Character Growth

Read:

- Romans 5:3-4

Discuss:

- How does suffering shape character?
 - What difficult season has God used to mature you?
 - Why is character more important than image or talent?
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C. Favor with God — Spiritual Growth

Discuss:

- What helps you feel closest to God?
- Which spiritual discipline do you need to strengthen?
- Why is spiritual maturity progressive rather than instant?

Reflect:

Jesus lived in continual communion and obedience with the Father. Healthy believers continually grow in:



- Prayer
 - Worship
 - Obedience
 - Dependence on the Holy Spirit
 - Intimacy with God
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D. Favor with Man — Relational Growth

Discuss:

- Why is relational maturity important spiritually?
 - What does healthy relational growth look like?
 - Is there a relationship in your life that needs healing, humility, or intentionality?
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Final Reflection

Luke 2:52 gives us a complete picture of healthy development:

- Wisdom → Intellectual Growth
- Stature → Character Growth
- Favor with God → Spiritual Growth
- Favor with Man → Relational Growth

Healthy discipleship touches every area of life.

Closing Scripture

Read Psalm 92:12-15 together.