

Sermon Notes

The Point of The Story: Our Growth, God's Glory!

Judges 6:1 - 8:35

Identity Growth: Believing that God is With you and For you

Faith Growth: Believing that God is in Control

Obedience Growth: Believing what God says... and Doing It!

Influence Growth: Believing that God wants to use you to impact others

More Faith Growth: Believing that God really is Faithful

Crazy Faith Growth: Believing that unless God shows up, we're toast!

Relationship Growth: Believing that you can't do life alone

Humility Growth: Believing in God's Call on Your Life

Authority Growth: Believing that Darkness trembles when the Light Advances

Character Growth: Believing that WHO you're becoming is the point

Three Ways to Stifle Character Growth:

- 1) Think that God needs you.
- 2) Take credit for things that God is doing.
- 3) When you mess up... just keep going as if nothing happened.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What aspect of Gideon's story do you relate to the most?
- 2) Which type of 'Growth' have you experienced during your journey with God, and which type have you yet to experience? Explain.
- 3) Do you agree that WHO you're becoming is even more important than WHAT you're doing for God or WHERE you're going with God? Why or why not?
- 4) Of the 'Three Ways to Stifle Character Growth,' which do you struggle with the most and how has it slowed down your progress in becoming more like Jesus?
- 5) What's one thing start doing (or stop doing) this week in order to experience the Character Growth God is calling you towards?