# 5 Things God Uses To Grow Your Faith

# "Providential Relationships"

#### Introduction

We can't tell our stories without thinking of a relationship that has impacted our faith in both good and bad ways. In this week's message we are reminded that when we are intentional about our relationships God can use them to grow our faith.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have everyone share a brief story of someone in their life that they would say is a providential relationship.

### For parents:

- 2. Have you seen God use a providential relationship to impact your child's faith? How did it impact you as a parent?
- -In Proverbs 13:20 King Solomon wrote:
- "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."
- 3. Talk about a time in your life where you saw this play out. Can you look back and see how your own life "eroded" because of a relationship you had?
- 4. Have you ever seen someone's life fall apart because of the friends they were spending time with?
- -In 1 Corinthians 15:33 Paul writes this:
- "Do not be Misled: "Bad company corrupts good Character."

Andy Stanley has often said: "Your friends determine the direction and quality of your life"

- 5. Is it true for you that your greatest regrets are tied to a relationship? What steps did you have to take to work through those regrets?
- 6. Are there people in your life that would say you were the person God used to impact their faith in a positive way?

In the message Justin challenged us to:

- -Be Intentional
- -Take risks
- -Be available
- 7. What do you think this looks like in your life?

- 8. Is God asking you to take a step towards someone who can help you grow your faith? What has kept you from taking that step?
- 9. Is God asking you to step into someone's life so God can use **you** to grow their faith? What has kept you from taking that step?
- 10. Will you intentionally allow people into your life that you will listen to when your life takes a dangerous turn?

## **Moving Forward**

No matter where you are in your faith journey you can start cultivating relationships today that God can use to grow your faith. You can take that step by simply asking for help.

Invite everyone to pray and ask God to bring a providential relationship into their life and ask God to allow them to be a providential relationship in someone else's life.