



Expectant, Triumphant, Growth!

Matthew 16:13-20 – May 25, 2025

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[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” [14] And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” [15] He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” [16] Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” [17] And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” [20] Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (ESV)

John 12:24

[24] Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 3:6–7

[6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. (ESV)

Mark 4:26–27

[26] And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. [27] He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. (ESV)

1 Peter 2:4–5

[4] As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, [5] you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Matthew 28:18–20

[18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

Calvary Membership Covenant:

We will support the ministry of our church by: expecting, by faith, to grow because Christ is drawing people to His Church.

Introduction:

Questions about growth?

- 1. The Backdrop of Growth: Brokenness. (13)**
- 2. The Growth Question: Who do you say that I am? (13-15)**
- 3. The Growth Confession: Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. (16)**
- 4. The Heart of Growth: The Father and the Son. (17-18)**
- 5. Triumphant Growth: The gates of hell will not prevail. (18)**
- 6. The Stewards of Growth: The Church of Jesus Christ. (19)**

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

SUNDAY after church...

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

MONDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** What questions have you wrestled with regarding personal and church growth? Looking back at your life, can you remember seasons of growth Jesus has brought you through? Your family? Your church? How did the Lord use brokenness to bring growth?

TUESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Who does the world say Jesus is? Who do *you* say Jesus is? Do you confess Him as a mere fact or as someone who has seen His glory? When was the last time you confessed who He is to someone who doesn't know Him? Is this work only for the evangelists? Why is it hard? Why is it easy?

WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Are you convinced Jesus and our Heavenly Father want us to grow (individually and corporately)? Do you expect it? How is His growing work mysterious? How are you seeing Him grow us now? Has He given any hints as to how He will grow us in the future?

THURSDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Have you ever struggled with the doubt that the gates of hell will prevail against Christ's Church? What lies does the enemy use against her? Do we think Satan is more prominent in the areas of stony soil or weedy soil? How do we process churches that have to close their doors in light of Christ's promise to build His Church?

FRIDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Do you sense the mission, power, and resources that we possess as a result of our union with Christ? Do you walk triumphantly on mission throughout your day? Why or why not?

SATURDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS & BUILD:** How is the Lord leading you to build up the Body of Christ tomorrow?

*Let us join the work of Christ in bringing His Light to the world!
Our purpose is **to know...follow...and love Christ!***

