

Growing Up - D.J. Horton

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (ESV)

Some moments in life matter more than others.

This is one of them.

This moment is best described by three statements

1. More Than Ever God has blessed us.
2. More Than Ever our community needs the gospel.
3. More Than Ever we must do something about it.

70% of Spartanburg County is Unchurched

We Grow The Church by Growing Christians

Two parts

Theological: What we believe

Methodological: What we do

Paul's Progression of Growth

1. Growth Begins with Believing v.15-16
2. Believing Leads to Belonging v.17
3. Belonging Leads to Beholding v.18a
4. Beholding Leads to Becoming v.18b

If spiritual growth is a work of God, what is our place?

What do we need to grow spiritually?

What a Christians need to grow:

1. Genuinely Loved: Small Groups
2. Intentionally Challenged: Mentor Groups
3. Specifically Trained: Equipping Classes
4. Compassionately Helped: Biblical Counseling

Small Groups lead with love. God's Word is always present, but building real relationships in the context of Christian community is the goal.

Mentor Groups are designed to develop others by intentionally challenging one another inside a one-on-one, one-year relationship. This creates remarkable growth that can be replicated in the lives of others.

Equipping Classes are designed to help you grow by diving deeper into specific subjects or parts of God's Word each semester.

Biblical Counseling ministry offers hope and healing in times of crisis through applying God's Word with compassionate care.

So how do you sit in this chair?

What a Christians need to grow:

1. Your Rhythm should be Small Group
2. Your Regimen should be a Mentor Group. One person a year.
3. Your Reinforcement should be Equipping Classes
4. Your Refuge should be Biblical Counseling

Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.