

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH OVERVIEW

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT IT? <i>Theology</i>	HOW DO WE TALK ABOUT IT? <i>Language</i>	HOW DO WE DELIVER ON IT? <i>Strategy</i>	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR IT? <i>Roles</i>
<p><b>Growth is movement toward Jesus</b>  <i>It is a step and a process (Phil. 2:12-13)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any step toward Jesus is growth</li> <li>It's a journey with Jesus</li> <li>It's personal with Jesus</li> <li>It's a promise by Jesus</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Goal</b>  <i>To be a disciple of Jesus (Matthew 4:19; 28:18-20)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following Jesus</li> <li>Being transformed by Jesus</li> <li>Making other followers of Jesus</li> </ul>	<p><b>Entry Points</b>  <i>"Sticky" Opportunities for people to want more of church</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large or medium in size</li> <li>Wide "net" or "on ramp" for someone new or looking to get connected</li> <li>Serving opportunities</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Individual</b>  <i>Taking Steps to be relationally fully engaged (Acts 2:42)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Connecting</b> in a small group.</li> <li><b>Reading</b> the Bible personally and with others.</li> <li><b>Serving</b> on a ministry team.</li> <li><b>Giving</b> to the church's mission.  <b>Inviting</b> others into the church community to meet Jesus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Growth is of the Spirit</b>  <i>It is enabled by grace</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We live by faith in the promises of the good news of the Kingdom of God. (John 14:6)</li> <li>We set our minds on things of the Spirit who ultimately changes us (Rom. 8:5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Journey</b>  <i>Creating space for 5 Growth Catalysts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing Truth</li> <li>Purposeful Relationships</li> <li>Planned Disciplines</li> <li>Personal Ministry</li> <li>Pivotal Circumstances</li> </ul>	<p><b>Groups</b>  <i>Connect, Serve, Grow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect relationally (Connecting to God's people)</li> <li>Serve missionally (Connecting to God's work)</li> <li>Grow spiritually (Connecting to God)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Your Group</b>  <i>Support one another</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage steps in growing, connecting, and serving</li> <li>Incorporate the Catalysts that leverage spiritual growth in meetings</li> <li>Provide support &amp; care for one another</li> </ul>
<p><b>Growth is visible</b>  <i>It is seen (John 15:5)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is demonstrated by love for God.</li> <li>It is validated through love for others.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Evidence</b>  <i>(Matthew 22:37-40)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loving God</li> <li>Loving one another</li> <li>Loving the least and the lost</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resources</b>  <i>Support for Groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Groups &amp; the Care Center</li> <li>Marriage ministry</li> <li>Leader development opportunities</li> <li>Spiritual growth opportunities</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Leader</b>  <i>Keep the focus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On responding to God's Word and transformation of the heart</li> <li>On relationships and model transparency</li> <li>On serving together</li> </ul>