

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

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## Step In – Engage in Growth

Do you really want to be like Jesus? Would you like to fully experience all that He has for you? Do you want to know His will, His kingdom purpose for your life? We are not only born of God; we are born *for* God. To truly experience the presence of God, we need to step up and encounter Jesus. It's time to step in and grow. Read Colossians 3:1-10.

1. **Spiritual Growth requires Resistance.** Step in and be Challenged.

We face trials and challenges almost daily. Whether you realize it or not, God has allowed each of these trials to happen, because suffering is the key to real growth. True growth requires resistance. Describe what you do when you face difficult situations. Name some challenges that have turned into growth opportunities in your life.

*1 Peter 5:10; Proverbs 27:17; Ephesians 4:21-24*

2. **Spiritual Growth requires Remaining.** Step in and stay Committed.

Most of us can agree that the Christian community and the world as a whole are lacking in committed people. Too many are high on promise and low on performance. Our talk means very little to God... our walk means everything. Share what you do to “remain” connected to God.

*John 15:1-8*

3. **Spiritual Growth requires Regularity.** Step in and be Consistent.

Winners do daily what others only do occasionally. The saying, “practice makes perfect,” could more accurately be: “practice makes permanent.” If you read the Bible four or more times a week, your life begins to be changed by it. Share the moment when you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. What changed in your life? If you have spent time daily in Scripture, what effect has it had on you?

*Ephesians 4:22-24*

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## Make it Real

- Set a goal to read 1 chapter of the Bible every day.
- Write down the challenges you face.
- Write down your prayers to God about these challenges.
- Write down God's answers to your prayers.