



Worship – Reach – Connect – **Grow** – Serve

SLE Church 2023

Recap/Objectives

Opening Discussion:

1. What do you think it means to 'grow as a Christian'?
2. Do you think you've grown as a Christian in the past year? How so?

Bible Readings: Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. *The importance of growth (Eph 4:11-16)*

2. *How do we grow?*

a. *The Word is how we know Jesus and God (John 1:1,14,18)*

b. *The Word gives life (John 1:1-4)*

c. *The Word helps us to live (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

d. *The Word satisfies (Psalm 119:103-111)*

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think it means to 'grow to become more like Jesus'?
2. Why is it necessary to go deep in the word in order to grow as a Christian?
3. How has God's Word helped you to grow?

Talk – Part 2

3. *Grow, You, and SLE Church*

Discussion Questions:

1. How is your personal bible reading going?
2. How do you think SLE Church can help you to go deeper into the word?

Q&A

Ponder (in your own time):

"God does not have two plans, one general and one special. He has only one plan, and it is both general and special. He wants all people, and each of us individually, to be under Christ. As we have already seen, he has a plan for each Christian to make us like Jesus by guiding us along a path of good works until we reach perfection on that Last Day." — P. Jensen, 'Guidance and the Voice of God'

"It has been said that we become what we behold. I believe there is nothing more transformative to our lives than beholding God in his word. After all, how can we conform to the image of a God we have not beheld?" — Jen Wilkin, 'Women of the Word'

Suggested resource list:

- Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind - Tremper Longman III
- God's Big Picture – Vaughn Roberts
- How to Read the Bible Better – Richard Chin
- Dig Deeper – Nigel Beynon