

## Series: Follow Jesus With Us

Sermon: GROW

**Passage: Various**

Illustration:

Need: God's expectation of disciples is that they will GROW up, mature, as they pursue Him through obedience.

### I. Command to GROW.

- Oasis Church exists to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Reaching & Teaching = leading others to faith in Jesus & helping them to grow in that relationship.
- Helping disciples to CONNECT & SERVE in the community are steps 1 & 2.
- Step 3 is helping disciples fulfill God's command to GROW - **2 Peter 3:18**.

### II. Construct of GROWth.

- Growth is God's activity in us as we respond obediently to His Word. **Phil. 2:12-13**; **1 Peter 2:2-5**
- Growth is evidenced by fruit (character, conduct, converts). **John 15:4-5**; **Gal. 5:22-23**
- Growth (spiritual maturity) in others defines our strategy. **Col 1:28**; **Eph. 4:11-14**

### III. Commitment to GROWth.

- We are committed to teaching you God's Word in context (What God said).
- We are committed to explaining what God's Word means (Why God said it).
- We are committed to pushing you to apply God's Word to your daily life (How we are to obey).
- Ultimately, it is YOUR responsibility to commit to your GROWth:
  - Daily scripture & prayer. *Tools: OC App, GrowMyWalk, YouVersion App, Quiet Time Journal*
  - Deeper study. *Tools: RightNow Media, Study Groups, Ridge Bible Training Center, Books*
  - Practical Obedience, because knowledge alone is worthless.

### IV. Reasons we fail to GROW

- We're Stalled - we need help getting back on track.
- We're Stuck - we're trapped by other things that are holding us back.
- We're Satisfied - we are comfortable to just float down stream.
- We're Sick - we are incapacitated by sin.