



Starter Pack

Session 3 – Grow

Personal Connection

My Greenhouses

- When have you grown the most?
- Where were you when this happened?
- Who influenced you most during that time?

Bible Connection

Read Luke 2:52

- “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”
Luke 2:52 (NIV)
 - What would his growth in wisdom have been like?
 - What would growth in stature refer to?
 - What about Jesus growing in favor with God?
 - What would growing in favor with man indicate?”

Read Romans 10:17.

- “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”
Romans 10:17 (NIV)
 - What does Romans 10:17 indicate about growing in faith?
 - How are we going to ‘hear’ the Bible in our lives?

Read 2 Timothy 3:15.

- “and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

II Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

- What does 2 Timothy 3:15 indicate about how scripture helps in our growth?
- What do we gain by having the Bible be part of our lives?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16.

- “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

- Teaching
 - How does scripture teach us?
 - What does scripture teach us?
- Rebuking
 - How would scripture benefit us by rebuking?
 - What would need rebuking that scripture could speak to?
- Correcting
 - How would correction from scripture bring growth in our lives?
 - What does correction from scripture look like?
- Training
 - What Bible training would trigger growth in your life?
 - How does Biblical training work?



Life Connection

Ways to Connect with the Bible

- **Memorization:** From the earliest days of Jewish teaching on into our modern context the memorization of scripture has been a central point of knowing God's Word. Even knowing a few verses can prove beneficial and shape the heart and mind.
- **Regular Reading:** Reading the Bible on a regular basis will begin to tune your spirit and life into a right rhythm with God and His will. There are several models of reading that help people stay in contact with scripture on a consistent basis.
 - Reading Plans: There are hundreds of plans that can take you through the entire Bible, the Old or New Testament, or several specialized plans.
 - Bible Apps: Several Bible applications like *youversion* have "Verse of the Day" and other tools to bring scripture into your life on a daily or regular basis.
 - Proverb a Day: There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs. This book has been used by many as they read one chapter a day each month and then restart the following month.
 - Psalms: Reading one psalm a day will take you through the book twice in a year and leave a little leeway for days you might miss.
- **Bible Classes:** Having an effective teach walk through scripture with you can be another way to grow in your knowledge of scripture. Some people are wired to sit and listen and absorb knowledge in a class format.
- **Study Groups:** These are often smaller in nature (10-15 people) and have a Bible study component along with a higher emphasis on discussion and fellowship. While not every group studies the Bible in a verse by verse format they should all be scripture based.

