

Growing

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

a. A Story about Growing Up

i. Growing up is a good thing

b. Choosing to follow Christ, actually growing up into our salvation, means choosing a passionate life.

II. Recognize God's Grace

a. God wants you to flourish

b. 2 Samuel 5: David Growing

i. The King we Need

ii. A longer stride and a larger embrace

III. Choose to Grow

a. God comes first

b. Establish Godly habits

i. Understand how VIM and CHAIN work

ii. Follow David

1. He asked

2. He heard

3. He obeyed

4. He obeyed

5. He remembered

6. He triumphed

IV. Warning: David took . . .

V. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. Where do you think you are on the grow right now in your walk with Jesus?
2. What was a significant time of spiritual growth in your life, and what were the circumstances that helped it be impactful?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read 2 Samuel 5. What stands out to you about this story of David "lengthening his stride and enlarging his embrace"?
2. David demonstrated his reign as king was going to be about putting God first. What in your life testifies to the fact that God is first in your life? Do you think it is obvious to non-Christians in your life? Why or why not?
3. Respond to the following statement: Grace is opposed to an attitude of earning, not effort. What is an attitude to earning? What type of effort should we give to growing up in Christ?
4. Do you have a concrete vision on how you are trying to grow up in Christ? If so, what is it? How often do you demonstrate your intention to live into that vision? What are the ways (means) you are seeking to grow? What role do you think the Holy Spirit plays in all of this?
5. When you look at David's way of living (asking, hearing, obeying, remembering, triumphing) what comes easiest for you, and what is the most challenging? Why?
6. How did God speak to you through the message?
7. How can we pray for one another?