

The Purpose of Grace Growth Groups:

Growth Groups help you take your next step with God by developing meaningful friendships built around God's Word. As we connect with one another and with God's Word, incredible things take place and we naturally grow. In community, this growth occurs through 4 primary activities:

We SHARE Life

Each week we'll take time to connect and share what is happening in our lives. This will become more natural as we begin to feel more comfortable with one another. Sharing life and accepting each other is essential to the healthy relationships needed for growth groups.

We STUDY God's Word

Each week we'll study the previous week's sermon text, though we will not rehash the sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life. Accountability to God's Word is transformational and brings spiritual growth in our lives. We also take time to seek God in prayer for relevant needs and issues present in our group.

We SUPPORT Each Other

Each week we'll learn how to care for one another as Christ instructed us. People who know each other well, care for each other well. This care will take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging, accountability, advice, and meeting real needs.

We SERVE Together

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. Jesus reminds us that the world will know we're his disciples by our love. The role each member fills in serving one another and the local community is essential; for we were created to serve others, not ourselves. Throughout the semester, we will serve the other members of our group and together the group will serve the local community through one service project.



- change happens in circles, not rows -

MESSAGE SERIES:
Message #09: Come and See
Sermon Text: John 1:40-46

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Come and See

I. Andrew brought his _____ to Jesus

- A. Through the centuries, this is how most people come to faith in Jesus Christ
- B. Each time Andrew is mentioned in the Gospel of John, he is bringing someone to Jesus

II. Philip brought his _____ to Jesus

- A. Nathaniel wasn't impressed with Phillip's testimony
- B. Phillip didn't argue with Nathaniel

III. Who will bring your _____ and _____ to Jesus?

- A. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you!
- B. Invitation opportunities

Growth Group Guide

For the week of March 11th, 2018

Spring Growth Group Information:

- **Today begins the eighth week of our Spring Semester of Growth Groups.** Each semester lasts for 15 weeks. Sunday's mark the beginning of each new week.
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MY STORY:

1) When you receive good news, whom do you most often share it with first?

2) As a kid, what would it take to get you to believe something your sibling told you?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1) Our message this week from John 1:40-46 is part of a larger passage (John 1:35-51) in which we read about the calling of the first Disciples of Christ. From verse 35-51 Christ is called by several titles. Take a moment to list those names and share why you think each person assigned Jesus that particular label.

- 2) Of the four people in verses 37-48 to follow Jesus, answer this;
- a) How was the initial contact with Jesus made for each one? What was said/done to get them to go meet Jesus?

b) How much did each one know about Jesus when he decided to follow Christ?

3) Why do you think Jesus took different approaches with each man mentioned in verses 37-51?

4) Both Andrew and Phillip use the phrase "We have found..." when approaching their brother or friend about Jesus, as if they had been searching for a while. It would also appear they were anxious and excited to bring others to meet Jesus. Do you feel like most Christians have this same zeal to search for Christ and share Him? Why or why not? What do you think it takes to - continue that zeal / to bring it back?

TAKING IT HOME:

1) What traps do we fall into, or are afraid of falling into, when attempting to introduce friends, family, or acquaintances to Jesus Christ?

2) Andrew and Phillip shared a commonality with the person they introduced to Christ. Andrew & Simeon were searching for the Messiah. Phillip and Nathanael were searching for the promised One in Deuteronomy 18:15. What are some things you search for in your life (i.e. family, hobbies, work, etc.) that would be a commonality with unbelievers in your life that could serve as a way to introduce them to Jesus?