



Week of August 22, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. Over the last year, how would you describe your spiritual growth? (Possible Story Card exercise) Why would you describe it that way?
2. Read Philippians 2:13-14. According to these verses, what is God's role in our growth? What is our role?
3. Paul said "Time with God over a period of time changes you." Why do we so often underestimate the cumulative impact of consistent time with God?
4. Why might it be difficult to talk about these questions related to Private Disciplines? Imagine what freedom might come when we can have honest humility with a few trusted friends?
 - a. Are you spending time with God on a regular basis?
 - b. Are you practicing priority, percentage generosity?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24 and think back on the relationships in your small group. Express appreciation specifically for how these relationships have helped you grow in your faith.
6. Which of the 5 Faith Catalysts (Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Personal Ministry, Private Disciplines, & Pivotal Circumstances) do you need to lean into in this season?

Moving Forward

Consider putting yourself a reminder every quarter to evaluate your faith growth towards loving well. Use the Five Faith Catalysts to celebrate growth in your life and set specific goals for the next quarter.

Philippians 2:3-5, 12-13

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.