Growth: Essential Not Optional

G4: Pursuing spiritual transformation

Going - Sharing Jesus with others

Growth-Training to be like Christ

Giving - the connection between my heart and my wallet

Gifts – the significance of serving

1. It starts with a Pre-requisite.

Q: How do I do this?

A: Sincerely pray and 1. Confess your sin

2. Acknowledge Jesus as your Savior 3. Decide to be a life-long follower/disciple of Christ.

2.It is a process not an event.

Spiritual Continuum:

- Exploring Christ- Checking things out
- <u>Growing Christ</u>- Believe and getting to know Jesus.
- Close to Christ- Depend daily on Jesus.
- <u>Centered in Christ</u> Jesus is the most important relationship in life.

Catalysts for Growth

| Knowledge | Attitudes | Actions |
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| The Trinity Authority of the Bible Salvation by Grace Attributes of God The Holy Spirit Diety Humanity of Christ The End Times | Love Joy Peace Patience Kindness Goodness Faithfulness Self-control Gentleness | Bible Study Prayer Serving Giving Worship Witnessing Community |

3. It is full of <u>potholes</u> (sin). Categories of Sin

| Tongue | Attitude/ Mental | Sexual | Outward |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
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| Lying | Pride | Adultery | Anger |
| Gossip | Judging | Fornication | Stealing |
| Cursing | Fear/worry | Lust | Disobedience |
| Complaining | Jealousy | Porn | Revenge |
| Blasphemy | Unforgiving | Homosexuality | Ignore Sabbath |
| Criticism | Bitterness | Incest | Power Hungry |
| Ridiculing | Hate | Rape | Lust of Money |
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