

## Growing Relationships

*"Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NLT*

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10 NLT*

*"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." Luke 2:52 NLT*

### ✓ **God wants you to grow.**

*"And I am confident that God, who **began the good work** within you, **will continue** his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6 NLT*

### ✓ **God answers many problems with the right person.**

### ✓ **Healthy growth happens in the context of relationships.**

### ✓ **Insanity happens in isolation.**

## Relationships We All Need

*"When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:1-5 NLT*

### **1. Everyone needs a coach.**

*"I am not writing these things to shame you but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me." 1 Corinthians 4:14-16 NLT*

## **2. Everyone needs a companion.**

*"There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother."  
Proverbs 18:24 NLT*

*"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."  
Proverbs 13:20 NIV*

## **3. Everyone needs a follower.**

*"And he (Jesus) said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19 ESV*

## **4. Everyone needs Jesus.**

*"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV*

## **✓ Take your next steps.**

*And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."  
John 3:36 NLT*

## **✓ Get in a group and start growing.**

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." Proverbs 27:17 NLT*