



**GrowN**  
**Week 3: THE Power in Community**  
**2 Peter 3:17-18**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**GrowN Concepts:**

**Concept #1. Quadrant Growth**

**Luke 2:52 HCSB** *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.*

**Jesus grew:** Intellectually ● Physically ● Spiritually ● Socially

**Concept #2. The Inheritance of Reconciliation**

**The Long-term Goal of GrowN: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

**YES: Reconciling** = **Living your Life OUTLOUD** with others so they may see Jesus in action.

**NO: Reconciling** ≠ You are going to Hell if you don't accept Jesus. Stop SINNING! Never saying anything. God gives you the abundant life – including lots of \$\$\$ - here on earth.

**I have earned this, God! ↔ God cannot love me because...**

**Concept #3.** God is FOR me – **Romans 8:31-32** (There is no “God cannot love me because...”)

**Concept #4.** God will PROVIDE for me – **Matthew 6:33** (I do not have to EARN His love)

**YOU MUST HAVE RELATIONSHIPS TO GROW**

**Concept #5: THE Power in Community**

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**I. The Power of Relationships in Community:**

How does **Luke 2:52** Work? Intellectually ● Physically ● Spiritually ● Socially

**Luke Chapter 2** – Jesus' birth and growing up years

**2: 39-40** – His parents fulfilled all the requirements of the law for Jesus' birth.

**2:49-52** – Jesus as a 12-year-old staying at the temple in Jerusalem after the Passover to sit among the teachers to listen and ask questions.

**Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Peter 2:5; Colossians 2:19**

**WALKING IN THESE TOGETHER FOSTERS DISCIPLESHIP**

Suffering: **Hebrews 12:7-11**

Restoration/Reconciliation: **Matthew 18:15-19**

Confronting Sin: **Galatians 6:1-2**

Confronting Laziness: **Galatians 6:3-5**

Do Good: **Galatians 6:9-10**

**Practicing the GIFTS:**

**1 Peter 4:10.** *Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.*

- **Why** are there Gifts of the Spirit available?
- **Where** are the Gifts of the Spirit practiced?



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**How do we practice: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11** – Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discernment, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

**1 Peter 4:7-11** Vs. 7 Prayer Vs. 8 Love Vs. 9 Hospitality Vs. 10 Serving

**Ecclesiastes 7:3; Romans 12:15; Matthew 5:4** - Grief

**Hebrews 13:1-3** - Hospitality

**Psalms 147:3; James 5:14** - Healing

**1 Peter 4:12-14; James 1:2-4** - Testing

**1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; 1 John 2:6; Nehemiah 9:2** - Modeling/Imitators

**II. The Power of Acceptance in Community:** The place I know I can BELONG

**A. Biblical Acceptance starts with: Romans 15:7; 1 Peter 3:18**

**B. How it Influences Growth: God is FOR US – Romans 8:31-32**

- Acceptance →NEEDS: **Eccl 4:9-12**
- Acceptance →SINS: **Psalm 139:23-24**
- Acceptance →LEGITIMIZES JUDGMENT: **Ephesians 4:26**
- Acceptance →REDEFINES PROPER COMMUNITY: **1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

**III. The Power of Forgiveness in Community:**

**What has Forgiveness done in your life?**

**Forgiveness:**

**Matthew 6:14-15**

**Psalms 32:1**

**Psalms 86:5**

**Psalms 130:4**

**Colossians 3:12-14**

**1 John 1:8-10**

**2 Corinthians 2:5-8**

**THE POWER IN COMMUNITY:**

**Romans 8:12-17**

*<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit **that we are God's children**, <sup>17</sup> and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*



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