

## Growing Up: Practical Bible Teaching

1. Why do you think it is important to grow as Christians?
2. While our bodies tend to grow naturally, we must intentionally work to grow spiritually mature. Why do you think God requires us to intentionally seek out opportunities for spiritual growth?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:15. In what ways have you noticed spiritual “progress” in your own life?
4. Pastor Mark talks about the difference between Bible knowledge and Bible Application. Is it possible to gain Bible knowledge but not grow spiritually?
5. What is the difference between a Bible Scholar and a Bible Teacher?
6. Share a time when you applied a practical Bible truth to your life. What was the result?
7. Pastor Mark talks about the importance of staying focused during a sermon or Bible lesson. Have you ever struggled with that? What do you do to try and stay focused?
8. Why might it be helpful to take notes during a sermon or a Sunday School lesson?
9. In your mind, how does someone get from hearing a “good idea” in a sermon or Bible Study, and moving from the “good idea” stage to the “I’m going to do this” stage?
10. Read Luke 6:46-49. How would you summarize what Jesus is saying here?
11. Is there are area in your life where Jesus has been calling you to obedience, but you’ve been resisting? What do you plan on doing about that?