



Small Group Discussion Guide

February 25, 2018

Sermon Title:

"A Pattern for Growth"

Sermon Text: Luke 2:41-52

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:46-49

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

Getting Started: When would you say was your greatest period of personal growth; physically, spiritually and emotionally? What contributed to that growth?

Discussion:

1. You've heard the Pastor say before, "Healthy things grow." What do you think is at the heart of this statement? Can you cite illustrations of this law playing out truthfully?
2. We normally consider Luke 2 as the birth narrative of Jesus. Have you ever thought what "might have been" through the years we are given no information about Jesus? What is the time span of this chapter in the ages of Jesus? (from when to when?)
3. The author of Luke's gospel, (St. Luke) was a physician. Do you think that could have contributed to his observation of Jesus' growth?
4. What are the ways Luke mentions that Jesus grew? (Reference: Vs. 52) Discuss each of them as you might imagine that meant for Jesus.
5. The Pastor used an acrostic to help us remember the pattern for growth that Jesus followed. Can you remember the words/phrases each letter represented?
G__ to God in _____.
R_____ His _____.
O_____ God, _____ by _____.
W_____ for Christ by your _____ and _____.
T_____ God for every _____ of your life.
H_____ must _____ and _____ your daily life.
6. What is your plan for 2018 to grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and others?

Closing: Close *by sharing prayer requests.*

Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

GO SHARE JESUS!