

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of September 15, 2024**  
**“Shift?!” week #3**



Our series is focused on the topic of discipleship. A disciple is someone who knows, loves, and follows Jesus and in turn helps others become disciples.

The topic this week is “how we grow as disciples.”

**WHEN FOR YOU?**

When in your life has there been a period of significant growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ? What made this true for you?

**LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD**

Many places in the Scriptures speak to the topic of how we grow as disciples. For this week, Pastor Bill Born selected 1 Peter 2:1-12. Read through the passage and consider the following questions.

If you are coaching someone who feels stuck in their growth as a disciple, what are the main points you could suggest from in this passage?

The word “spiritual” is repeatedly used. What do you think is meant?

How are growing disciples described in verses 5 and 9-11? Why do you think Peter included these descriptions?

What is the cause and effect of verse 12? How is this a part of being disciples of Christ?

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

What do we learn from this passage (1 Peter 2:1-12) about essentials for growing as disciples?

How is community (social environment) significant to growth as a disciple?

Which of Peter's descriptions of us in verses 5 and 9-11 are encouraging you to grow as a disciple?

All of us have had times when "passions of the flesh" are waging "war against our souls." (v. 11) What has helped you 'win the war'? What hasn't? How are we to partner-up to win?

## **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

How are you doing in your growth as a disciple? Do you sense that God is growing you? Are you teamed-up with other disciples and keeping one another encouraged? Are there any "passions of flesh" that are waging "war against your soul?" (v.11) There are many friends groups, and shepherds that would be glad to help you win. (Contact Pastor Steve at 909-335-7333 X1110)

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- Please pray for men in groups who are meeting to support and encourage each other
- Please pray for us to "Live good lives" that glorify God in our communities
- Please pray for nation and community, especially for those in authority

## **CALENDAR NOTES**

**October 5** – "Love Redlands" (sign up on our website)

**October 6** – Partnership Classes begin (membership starts here)

**November 8-9** – "A Father's Legacy" (How dads can raise kids to be disciples)

**November 24** – Home Groups on break Thanksgiving week

**December 8** – Final week of Home Groups for 2024