



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
June 2, 2024

Refresh

Read Ephesians 4:15-16 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

The New Testament makes clear that believers need to grow in their faith. Why is growth so essential for the believer? What tends to happen when we aren't actively growing?

What are some of the symptoms of a believer who is growing up in their faith? How would that growth be demonstrated?

How was growth demonstrated in the lives of Samuel, John the Baptist, and Jesus (1 Sam 2:26; Luke 1:80; Luke 2:40)? How does this inform how we, too, ought to grow?

What tends to stunt our growth as believers? How can we be sure that our growth isn't stunted?

What does Paul's inclusion of himself as one who needs to grow tell us about the importance of growth for every believer? Why might Paul have been tempted to assume he didn't need to grow?

How does verse 15 communicate the pervasive nature of the growth needed in a Christian's life? Why should spiritual growth permeate into every aspect of our lives?

How does verse 15 communicate the authority of Christ? Why do you think Paul would want to highlight Christ's authority as he talks about growth in the Christian life? How might Christ's authority over us compel us to grow in Him?