WEEK 2: MADE FOR GROWTH

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In his sermon, Pastor explores the transformative power of community, emphasizing that "you can never fully see yourself by yourself." Pastor reminds us that while we might never reach our full potential on this side of eternity, we are called to look more like Jesus, which flourishes in the rich soil of community. As we lean into community, we get the opportunity to learn about ourselves, others, and God, encouraging each other to grow into who God sees us to be.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Proverbs 27

Romans 12

Hebrews 10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 **New Perspective**

Sometimes our own perspective can be limited or unclear, but Jesus uses community to help us see ourselves and our situations more truthfully.

a. Has someone ever helped you see a situation differently through their perspective?

b. Can you think of a time when someone's encouragement made a big difference for you?

2 **Truth in Love**

We grow best in a community that speaks truth in love and is willing to serve others beyond just our circle.

a. Why might God use others in your life to reveal something true about you?

b. How can your group become a place that listens to God's voice and encourages one another in love and truth?

3 **Being like Jesus**

The sermon invites us to grow into the people Jesus is shaping us to be, following His example and increasing in nearness to Him.

a. In what ways are you trying to grow more like Jesus?

b. What are some practical ways your group can live out Jesus' teachings in everyday life?

4 **Biblical Approach**

Romans 12:9-21 encourages unity by not giving into evil but holding on to what is good.

a. Have you ever been encouraged by a friend or group to respond in a healthy way during a tough time?

b. How can you offer that same kind of support when someone else is facing something hard?

REMINDER: *Nearing ourselves to Jesus in community places us closer to His heart. Closeness spurs us to change in the presence of God.*

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: God wants us to grow, which typically means we are challenged to think and act differently than we used to.

- Where is God encouraging you to grow? Why are you hesitant to choose growth?
- What do you think God's reaction is when you don't choose growth?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Growing healthily: This week, think about and write down:

- Where God wants you to grow.
- How can we live into this growth each day.
- What does God think of me, even when I mess up

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you have strength to grow and to grow in His grace, which is greater than we know.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-7: *"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

Let the group rest in this encouragement as you close together in prayer.

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