



PART 1: Why, What and How

INTRODUCTION

Seasons of growth and change can be exciting yet challenging times in our lives, full of new possibilities and opportunities. Growth always requires a clear vision (what you see) and mission (what you do). Where are you growing in your life right now or where would you like to experience growth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a potential growth area in your life right now? What is the “why” behind your desire for growth in that area?
2. Review the Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith
 - Pivotal Circumstances
 - Practical Teaching
 - Providential Relationships
 - Private Disciplines
 - Personal Ministry
3. Which of these have you experienced recently and how did it help you grow? Are you encountering any of these in your life right now?
4. **Read John 15:5.** What kind of fruit are you bearing in your life?
5. What’s been your experience with church? Have you found a place to belong? How can you contribute to making Longleaf a place to belong for someone else?
6. How have you engaged our community on an individual level? How can our small group engage our community in the future?
7. Are you open to asking God what a sacrificial gift looks like for you and your family, listening to what He calls you to do, and committing to that call?

MOVING FORWARD

Read Mark 12:41-44. When it comes to our finances, God cares more about our heart and intention behind the gift. He is not impressed with large amounts given simply for the sake of the show. Sacrifice is about opening up your hands and allowing God control over every part of your life.

As we campaign “For the Heart of Georgia” spend some time asking God what sacrifice will look like for you and your family?