

CITYCHURCH

Personal Growth Plan:

Introduction:

At City Church we believe growing people change... but change into what? As we follow Jesus, we grow to be more like Him! Our minds, desires, relationships and lives begin to change and are constantly being transformed. (Eph. 4:13-15)

As disciples or followers of Christ, we are called to more than “southern comfort living” or consuming the next trendy Bible study. Every disciple of Jesus has a two-part mission; to become like Jesus and to reproduce the life of Christ in others. So what is your plan to grow as a disciple and become a disciple maker in our city?

We ask this question to spur you on to consider how Jesus *in* you could be multiplied *through* you in the world. And in response, we ask every City Church owner to write out an intentional “Personal Growth Plan.” Our prayer is that each of us would have an intentional plan to grow more like Jesus and to follow Jesus on mission into the world. (Matt. 13:23 & Matt. 28:18-20).

Instructions:

1. Prayerfully read through the questions below and write out answers in the spaces provided. These are intended to help you develop a personalized and intentional plan to grow as a disciple of Jesus.
2. Share this plan with your City Group or another trusted friend at City Church for accountability and support throughout the year.
3. Visit the “Grow” page on our website for more spiritual growth tools and resources to support your plan. www.citychurchtallahassee.com/grow

5 Important Questions:

- How will I **fill** my mind with truth?
- How will I **fuel** my love for God?
- How will I **share** God’s love with others in our city and around the world?
- How will I **show** God’s love as an owner of City Church?
- How will I **make** disciple makers among a few people?

“No child of God is intended by God to be sidelined as a spectator in the Great Commission. Every child of God has been invited by God to be on the front lines of the supreme mission in all history. ...Making a personal plan for how we are going to join God in His mission is a huge step in joyfully experiencing the fullness of His grace in our lives as we join Him in His mission for the world.” – David Platt

Developing Your Personal Growth Plan:

1. How will I fill my mind with truth?

(Be rooted in Scripture! Read, memorize & learn God's Word, not so much for information but for transformation. Check out our **GROW** page for more resources.)

Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17

How will I read the Bible?

How will I memorize Scripture?

How will I learn the Bible from others?

2. How will I fuel my love for God?

(There are many *spiritual disciplines* like worship, prayer, fasting, giving, resting, reading Scripture and solitude etc. They don't have to become a drab religious checklist but through the power of the Spirit can actually help fuel our love for God and deepen our relationship with Him. Below are a few questions to help you get started.)

Read 1 Tim. 4:7

How will I worship? (What are ways you can grow towards worshipping in every aspect of life? –Rom. 12:1-2. When and where will you worship together in song with others?)

How will I pray? (What are ways you can grow towards praying continually? *1 Thess. 5:17* - When and where will you regularly be alone with God in prayer? -*Matt. 6:6*)

How will I give of my time, talent & treasure? (*Matt. 6:21*)

From whom will I seek out help to fuel my love for God? (a mentor or mature peer)

3. How will I share God's love with others in our city and around the world?

(Live on mission! Everyone we meet is a sinner in need of God's grace. Will you join Jesus on His mission to seek and save the lost in our city and around the world?)

Read 2 Cor. 5: 18-22 & John 17:18

Who? (Write down the names of 3-10 non-believers God has placed in your life and begin praying for their salvation and for God to use you to share the gospel with them.)

How? (What are some next steps for you to effectively love and share the Gospel with the people you listed above? How will you invest in them and invite them to know Jesus or to experience City Church?)

When & Where? (When & where are some natural or created times where you can learn more about their beliefs or to share the Gospel with them? Over coffee, at your dinner table, on a lunch break, during a fun activity together, after a worship gathering etc. - Is there a mission trip you would like to go on or a specific country you feel drawn to pray for?)

4. How will I show God's love as an owner of City Church?

(Part of following Jesus is to love and serve His bride, the church. We must turn away from the individualism and consumerism in our culture and share our lives in Biblical community, submitting to Biblical leadership and spurring one another on in the mission.)

Read: Mark 10:45

Where will I serve? (In a City Church ministry and/or serving in a City Group)

What will I do? (What are some specific ways you will serve our church and those in your City Group?)

5. How will I make disciple makers among a few people?

(Jesus spent his life investing deeply in a few people to change the world. Jesus did not just make converts, He made disciples who could make disciples. You are a follower of Jesus reading this today because of 2000 years of disciple making.)

Read 2 Tim. 2:2 & Titus 2:3-5

Who can I bring close and invest my life in? (Write the names of 1-4 people God has put in your sphere of influence who you could intentionally help grow as disciple of Jesus.)

How will I teach them to obey Jesus? (Start by having them go through this “Personal Growth Plan”. Consider walking through a book of the Bible together or check out www.multiplymovement.com or <http://growingupchallenge.com>)

How will I model obedience? (1 Cor. 11:1 “Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.”)

How will I send them out to make more disciples? (How can you inspire and commission those you have invested in to begin making disciples as well?)

LAST STEP:

Since we believe growth happens best in community and not alone, we want you to write the names of who are going to share your “Personal Growth Plan” with (and actually share it with them.) Every disciple of Jesus needs intentional gospel-saturated friendships in our lives to hold us accountable and spur us on in our growth and on this incredible mission of God.

Who will I share my *Personal Growth Plan* with?