

G R O W I N G as a **G R O U P**

"#4 - Whole Growth"

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Sermon Notes

Kingdom Growth IS A GROUP PROCESS

*And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.
1 Peter 2:5 NLT*

Kingdom Growth...

IMPLIES WHOLENESS AND HEALING

*He entered once for all time into the most holy place—entering, not with the blood of goats or calves or some other prescribed animal, but offering His own blood and thus obtaining redemption for us for all time. ¹³ Think about it: if the blood of bulls or of goats, or the sprinkling of ashes from a heifer, restores the defiled to bodily cleanliness and wholeness; ¹⁴ then how much more powerful is the blood of the Anointed One, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice to God, purifying your conscience from the dead things of the world to the service of the living God?
Hebrews 9:12-14 VOICE*

I. The Common Problem - Genesis 3:6-13

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Kingdom Wholeness STARTS WITH US OWNING OUR OWN

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*If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.
1 John 1:10*

II. Empty wells - Jeremiah 2:13

¹³ "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken

cisterns that cannot hold water.

Kingdom Wholeness **IDENTIFIES OUR IDOLS**

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalm 139:23-24*

III. Sowing & Reaping - Galatians 6:7-8

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Kingdom Wholeness **REVEALS THE ROOT OF OUR FRUIT**

A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. *Matthew 7:17-18 NLT*

IV. Turning the Corner - Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Kingdom Wholeness **EMBRACES JESUS AS THE ANSWER**

Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! ³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' " *John 7:37b-38 NLT*

V. Supernatural Exchange - Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Kingdom Wholeness **TRADES OUR ABILITY FOR HIS POWER**

^{8b} *I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him, I have lost all those things, and now I know they are worthless trash. This allows me to have Christ ⁹ and to belong to him... ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power that raised him from the dead. I want to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death. ¹¹ Then I have hope that I myself will be raised from the dead.* *Philippians 3:8-11 NCV*

VI. Forgiveness - Matthew 18:18

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Kingdom Wholeness GIVES FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
Matthew 6:14-15

VII. Repentance and Confessions - 1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Kingdom Wholeness CONFESSES & REVERSES COURSE

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

James 5:16 MSG

VIII. Add to Faith - 2 Peter 1:5-8

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

Kingdom Wholeness SETS US UP FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING

Keep your eye on the healthy soul, scrutinize the straight life; There's a future in strenuous wholeness. But the willful will soon be discarded; insolent souls are on a dead-end street.
Psalm 37:37-38 MSG