

# G R O W I N G as a GROUP

## “#1- Group Growth”

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### Sermon Notes

## The Kingdom of God **IS ALWAYS GROWING**

*He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”*  
Matthew 13:31-32

## I. Kingdom Growth **IS A GROUP PROCESS**

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*  
Ephesians 4:16 NLT

## II. Kingdom Growth **INVOLVES RELATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing.*  
2 Thessalonians 1:3 NLT

## III. Kingdom Growth **INCORPORATES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

*The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools*

are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity. 2 Corinthians 10: 3-6 MSG

#### **IV. 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. <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> 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

#### **V. Kingdom Growth INFORMS OUR THEOLOGY**

*We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. <sup>10</sup> Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. Colossians 1:9b-10 NLT*

#### **VI. Kingdom Growth INCLUDES HOLINESS AND MATURITY**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:20-24*