

Greater You: Growth - Week 3

Key Passages: 2 Peter 1:1–11; Romans 8:9–11

BELONG

Ice Breaker Question:

Tyler talked about the pain of working out. What's one fitness goal or skill you've worked hard to improve? How did it feel when you started seeing progress?

Leader Notes: Encourage everyone to share their experiences—from learning a new hobby to professional or personal growth. Highlight how growth often begins with discomfort but leads to fulfillment.

Look up the lyrics to Made for More. What part of that song speaks to you? Do you believe you were made for more?

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud 2 Peter 1:1–11 and Romans 8:9–11.

In 2 Peter 1:1–3, Peter speaks of God's divine power granting us everything we need for life and godliness.

What does it mean to have access to God's divine power? How can this truth encourage us in our growth?

Leader Notes: God's divine power is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:9–11). It equips us for spiritual growth and godly living through the Holy Spirit. Knowing this should give us confidence to pursue growth, knowing we're not doing it alone.

Verses 4–8 highlight the qualities we are called to “supplement” our faith with. Why does Peter emphasize these qualities? Which “supplements” are you missing right now?

Leader Notes: These qualities—virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love—are the building blocks of spiritual maturity. Peter's focus on growth reflects that faith is not static; it's active and requires intentionality. Growth leads to fruitfulness and effectiveness in our relationship with God and others.

In verses 9–11, Peter warns about the danger of lacking these qualities. How can we remain diligent in pursuing growth?

Leader Notes: Growth requires consistency and commitment. Peter's encouragement is to keep these qualities "increasing," which means continually seeking God's presence, relying on the Holy Spirit, and staying connected to the Word.

BECOME

Pastor Tyler shared several truths about growth:

Growth requires intentionality.

What practices help you stay intentional about your personal and spiritual growth?

Leader Notes: Examples include setting goals, creating accountability with others, and daily time in prayer and Scripture. Intentionality means planning for growth rather than expecting it to happen by chance.

Growth comes with discomfort.

Reflect on James 1:2–4. How has discomfort or challenges in your life produced spiritual growth?

Leader Notes: Trials stretch and refine us. While uncomfortable, challenges can build endurance and maturity, leading us to deeper reliance on God.

Growth leads to greater fruitfulness.

Read John 15:4–5. How does staying connected to Christ help us bear fruit in every area of our lives?

Leader Notes: Growth and fruitfulness are impossible without remaining in Jesus. He's the source of our strength, wisdom, and ability to impact others.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for giving us everything we need for life and godliness. Help us to grow in the qualities that make us more like You. Give us courage to embrace discomfort and pursue intentional growth. Let Your power work in us to bear fruit that reflects Your love and glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.