

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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“Faithful Men”  
Selected Scriptures

0. Introduction

1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for Growth

- 1 Peter 2:3-2
- 2 Cor 5:15
- Eph 2:4-7
- Eph 4:1
- Col 1:29-28
- Phil 3:12-14
- 1 Peter 1:13,15
- 2 Peter 1:3-10
- Hebrews 5:11-14
- Hebrews 6:1

2. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for Growth

- Eph 4:11-16
- 2 Tim 2:2

Four Types of Christians

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

3. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for Growth

- Foundational Opportunities
- Critical Opportunities

Closing Challenge: 1 Cor 16:13 – Act like \_\_\_\_\_ men.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Phil 1:21-24. Make some observations about what Paul thinks about dying versus continuing on in this life. How would Paul answer the question, "Why am I still here?" How would you answer that same question?
2. Imagine you are on trial to determine whether you live for Jesus Christ or for yourself. What arguments would you make in your defense of living for Christ? What arguments would the prosecution make to prove that you are living for yourself?
3. How many years have you been a TRUE Christian? Assuming that you have grown as a Christian, what is different about you now than when you first came to know Christ? In other words, how have you grown?
4. Are you continuing to grow, or have you stopped growing? If you claim to be still growing, what things are you doing in your life to keep growing? Be specific.
5. Read 2 Peter 1:3-10. Are you increasing in godly qualities as Peter describes? How are you doing this?
6. What do you think of this quote from J. Robert Clinton? – *"We have observed that most people cease learning by the age of forty. By that we mean they no longer actively pursue knowledge, understanding, and experience that will enhance their capacity to grow and contribute to others. Most simply rest on what they already know. But those who finish well maintain a positive learning attitude all their lives."*
7. Read Eph 4:11-16. In your own words describe the strategy for growth in the Body of Christ. How do you see that happening here at The Bridge?
8. Read 2 Tim 2:2. Who has been the faithful teacher(s) that have taught you? Have you become a faithful person who is teaching others? Please elaborate.
9. Of the four types of Christians that Pastor Randy mentioned, which one are you? What can you do to improve your position?
10. Which opportunities for growth at The Bridge are you personally taking advantage of?
11. If you have been equipped as Paul mentions in Eph 4:11-12, what are you doing to minister to the Body of Christ? If you are not ministering as you should, what can you do to change that?
12. If you have not been equipped as a minister, then what can you do to change that?

Fill-in Answers: 1. Expectations; 2. Plan; 3. Opportunities; 4. Faithful