

A Conversation About Your Growth

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

One Question Before You Begin . . .

It is very easy in our culture to wear the name Christian and even be considered a Christian by the popular definition of the word. In many cases people think that simply going to church and being a decent person makes them a Christian. However, Biblical Christianity is different. A Christian is actually a follower of Christ – someone who has trusted Jesus to cover their sins and who also trusts him to lead them in this life. True Christians are actually Christ-followers and that will be more and more evident by the life they actually live, the way they think, and the things they say.

Remember though, doing these things does not save you, faith in Christ is where our hope is. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, “we are saved by grace, through faith.” What a fantastic gift that is!

*So, on with the question at hand. Have **you** been growing? Take a few minutes and give some thought to the questions that follow.*

*Ideally, you will explore your answers with your friends in your Thrive group or with your accountability partner. Together, you can discover where you were, how you’ve grown and most importantly where God is leading you in your quest to follow Christ. **Enjoy the journey!***

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YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Please circle the number that best represents you in the past few months. Please also take a minute to add your thoughts after each question to help remind you why you answered the question the way you did.

Closeness to God

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I struggle connecting with God			I sometimes feel in touch with God			His presence is consistently real and intimate in my life.

My thoughts:

Listening during prayer and discerning God’s voice through Scripture

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I don’t know how to discover what God wants			Sometimes I’m not sure how to apply His Word to my life			I consistently discern God’s will for me in the Bible and I simply go do it.

My thoughts:

Seeing myself through God’s eyes

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am not sure of who I am in Christ			I know how God sees me but I have a hard time believing it			I know God loves me deeply and that is the only approval and security I need

My thoughts:

My life revolves around this relationship with God – Mind (thoughts), Heart (emotions), and Body (physical).

Mind	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Heart	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Body	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I struggle with this – it is difficult to yield			I have made some progress in yielding this area				God has consistent control of my life in this area

My thoughts:

Living a life empowered by the Holy Spirit

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I don’t understand much about the Holy Spirit			I understand the Biblical truth but don’t experience the Holy Spirit much			I consistently yield to His power working in and through my life.

My thoughts:

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LOVING PEOPLE WHO ARE AWAY FROM GOD

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Inviting someone new to RiverTree's services

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have never done this			I occasionally invite someone to the services			I consistently invite new people to the services

My thoughts:

Building relationships with seekers to be able to share the joy of a relationship with God

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am not building these relationships now			I am trying to do this, but it is a struggle			I consistently build purposeful relationships with lost people

My thoughts:

Sharing a clear presentation of how to have a relationship with God

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have never done this			I have tried to explain the gospel; I am still learning			I have shared the gospel many times

My thoughts:

Working in our local community to reach the thousands who are outside of Christ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have never done this			I would like to reach out to others but have not done it yet			I regularly take part in outreach opportunities and it continues to transform me

My thoughts:

Working in another culture to meet physical needs and to share Christ with them

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have never done this			I would like to reach out to others but have not done it yet			I regularly am involved in this kind of outreach opportunity: it is changing me

My thoughts:

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GROWING WITH OTHER CHRIST FOLLOWERS

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Building significant relationships with family and friends

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have few or no close relationships in my group or life			I have some relationships that are meaningful		I have strong relationships in my group and my life	

My thoughts:

Building relationships with other Christians for the purpose of growing together

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am not connected in a group			I am connected, but am not experiencing depth in relationships		I am connected and am yeilding my life to others by growing together in community.	

My thoughts:

Reading and applying God's Word

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I don't read God's Word very often. It is a struggle.			I read God's Word occasionally but it is hard to apply.		I consistently read, understand and apply God's Word.	

My thoughts:

Growing from within to become the kind of person God wants me to become (Galatians 5:22-23)

	This is not me very often		I appear to have this but it's not really in my heart			This is now deep in my character		<u>Thoughts</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Love	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Joy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Peace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Patience	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Kindness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Gentleness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Goodness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Faithfulness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Self-Control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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SERVING GOD WITH MY LIFE AND MY RESOURCES

Please circle the number that best represents you in the past few months. Please also take a minute to add your thoughts after each question to help remind you why you answered the question the way you did.

Discovering your passion and spiritual gifts to be able to best serve God through them

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I don't know what my passion or spiritual gifts are			I think I know my passion and spiritual gifts but am not sure			I know my passion and spiritual gifts; others have confirmed them

My thoughts:

Serving in your area of passion and spiritual gifts

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I do not have any enthusiasm for where I am serving			I am serving but not highly motivated to be there			I am serving in an area where I'm energized and fulfilled

My thoughts:

Developing your spiritual gifts to serve God with excellence

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have not grown in the use of my spiritual gifts			I have developed the use of my gifts to some extent			I am experiencing growth as I am developing the use of my gifts

My thoughts:

I collectively manage all of life (time, money, possessions) in order to achieve God's purposes on earth

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I struggle with setting priorities and achieving balance			I have made some progress but need to manage more wisely			I live by Biblical priorities in all areas of life

My thoughts:

Suffering and difficult life situations are key parts of my growth

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I can't yet imagine how suffering could help me at all			I am starting to see how God could use these to help me grow			I see suffering and hardship as a great opportunity for God to form me

My thoughts:

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MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE LIVES AROUND ME

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Giving my financial resources for my own spiritual development and to help other people

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I struggle with financial giving			I am learning to give and am working toward Biblical guidelines			I understand the Biblical principles for generous giving and follow them

My thoughts:

Striving to have Jesus' attitude of servanthood

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I struggle with my attitude toward serving			I need to monitor my attitude while serving			I consistently approach the use of my gifts with an attitude of servanthood

My thoughts:

Developing and maintaining a heart of true humility

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I regularly think I'm better than other people			I am starting to think of people as equals			I consistently think of others so much that I forget myself

My thoughts:

I am a living example of what the Christian life can be to anyone close to me

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am not a good example yet			I'm not sure if my life is a positive example or not			My life consistently models Christlikeness- especially to those closest to me

My thoughts:

Intentionally selecting and developing someone to help them grow into a mature Christian and/or leader

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I have never done this			I have done this a few times			I have done this many times and am doing it now

My thoughts:

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A Few Final Questions

Overall, how would you describe your relationship with God in the past months?

In what area of life are you now growing the most?

Have you been kind of flat in the past months? If so, do you know why that might be?

How would you describe God's purpose for your life?

After going through this conversation with your group or team leader, what are two main areas of your life you would like to focus on in the coming six months? In other words, how would you hope to grow in the coming months?

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