



# MY CHURCH

## Leader Conversation Guide: My Church - How We Grow

### Main Idea

Growth is a natural part of life, but spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident—it happens when we intentionally walk the path God has laid out for us. This week's message reminded us that true growth begins with knowing God personally, not just knowing about Him. He doesn't want religion; He wants a relationship. From that relationship flows freedom, purpose, and the joy of making a difference in the lives of others. Without God's pathway, we risk settling for empty substitutes—tradition without transformation, good works without intimacy, or success without fulfillment. But when we open our hearts to His love, confess our need for Him, and go all in, we begin to experience the life Jesus promised—a life of joy in His presence and transformation by His Spirit. As we begin our discussion, let's lean into the invitation to grow closer to God. May we seek Him with all our hearts, not settling for less, but stepping fully into the freedom and purpose He has for us.

**But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

### Make it Practical:

#### Know God personally, not just about Him

- God isn't looking for religion—He desires relationship. Real growth begins when we move beyond information to intimacy with Him.
- Matthew 7:21–23; Matthew 15:8–9

#### Follow God's pathway for growth

- Without God's direction, we risk chasing empty substitutes for fulfillment. His path leads us to know Him, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:17–18

#### Seek Him with all your heart

- Growth requires surrender—opening our eyes to His love, confessing our sins, and going all in with God.
- Jeremiah 29:13; Psalm 16:11

