

MESSAGE GUIDE

Gaining Spiritual Traction, Part 2 Four Tools for Moving Ahead



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CONNECT

- Talk about all the components that are needed to grow a beautiful, productive garden. What happens if any of those components are missing from the equation?

STUDY

This past week the message focused on four key components for experiencing spiritual growth: the Word, fellowship, service and evangelism. Take some time to process why these things are so integral to our spiritual development.

THE WORD

- What challenge is offered to believers in 2 Timothy 2:15? How does Hebrews 4:12 describe the Bible's ability to impact our life? What warning is offered about our engagement with the Word in James 1:22-25?

FELLOWSHIP

- What did the fellowship activity of Christians look like in the early days of the church according to Acts 2:42-27? What instruction regarding fellowship do we find in Colossians 3:16?

SERVICE

- The reality is that we don't HAVE to serve, but we GET to serve. How does Galatians 5:13 underscore this point? What does 1 Peter 4:10 have to say about how we serve?

EVANGELISM

- When it comes to sharing Jesus with others, what points of instruction did Peter offer in 1 Peter 3:15? What sad truth did Jesus offer about people willing to evangelize in Matthew 9:37-38?

APPLY

- How does being engaged in the Word help us grow? How about fellowship? How about service? Or evangelism?
- God offers us great tools to get growing! Brainstorm as a group, and come up with a list of the types of things that serves as OBSTACLES to our growth.
- At what times in your life have you experienced greater spiritual growth? What circumstances and conditions existed, that such growth was possible?
- What might you add to your life to see more spiritual growth take place?