

Mission Amidst Madness  
Grow in Your Journey  
Discussion Guide, January 10, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. - Matthew 7:24-25

- In what way did you specifically build your life on a solid foundation this past week?

**OPEN:**

- Who can quote the mission statement of Cornerstone?
  - o What are the key components?
- Do you typically think of mission as something you do or someone you are?
  - o How should Christian mission be wrapped up in our identity?
- What are some key characteristics of someone who grows spiritually?
  - o Could you be described as having these qualities?

*Go through each of the following passages, read and discuss what they say about growing in our journey's with God.*

**READ and ASK: 2 Peter 3:17-18, Matthew 4:18-20, 1 Timothy 4:7-10, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14, Ephesians 4:11-16**

- (read and discuss each passage as relates to spiritual growth)
- Why is discipline a key attribute when it comes to spiritual growth?
  - o Where do you find "discipline language" in these texts?
  - o In what areas of your life do you stay disciplined?
  - o How can thinking of your spiritual growth as a discipline be a key to success?
- In addition to discipline, other key attributes to spiritual growth in someone's life are: discontent (a holy discontent), desire, surrender, and openness. Go through each word and discuss where you find these attributes in these passages and where you have seen these to be key words to spiritual growth.
  - o Is there another word that you think is a key attribute of spiritual growth?

- Now that you have read these texts, how would you answer the third opening question?

**APPLY:**

- What discourages you when it comes to growing spiritually?
  - o How can you overcome this?
- Why is spiritual growth essential for living out our mission?
- What have been some of your greatest mechanisms for spiritual growth?
  - o Everyone grows and connects with God in unique ways, what are some of the unique ways you have found to grow spiritually?
- NEXT STEP: Which attribute do you need to specifically focus on this week? How do you need to do so?

Memory Work:

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. - 2 Peter 3:17-18