



Title: Growing Together in Up-Close Relationships

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Christian growth is connected in up-close relationships that share all of life.

1. Christian Growth is connected to the Church
2. Christian Growth is connected in relationships within Church
3. Christian Growth is connected in up-close relationships that deeply share all of life

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some benefits to being connected to a local church body? What will someone miss if they try to follow Christ without the church?
2. Why do you think some Christians are drawn away from the church?
3. How would you give someone advice on how to make friendships in the church?
4. How can our church be friendly and welcoming to people?
5. What does it look like to “share our own selves” with one another (vs. 8)? Do you think this is easy or hard to do?
6. Why do you think we tend to keep other Christians at arm’s length? How can we live life “up close” to one another in the church?
7. What are some commands of Scripture that encourage close relationships with others? (see Galatians 6:1-2, Romans 12:13, 15, Matthew 18:15-17).