

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

Christ is in you, so grow in Christ.

**SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 1:28-2:7, John 15:5

**ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT**

1. What are some of the most memorable milestones in your life? What makes them special?
2. Life is a journey of milestones, and when we're a kid or teenager, we usually live with anticipation about growing up into the next one. Do you see the same pattern in your spiritual life? Can you point to the milestones you've crossed in your journey with Jesus, and are you living in anticipation for the next step?

**BIBLE DISCUSSION**

3. Read Colossians 1:28-2:7. What do you notice there? What does it mean to be mature in Christ?
4. Read John 15:5. What are some practical ways we remain in Jesus? What does it mean to bear fruit? What could it mean that apart from him we can do nothing?

**LIFE APPLICATION**

5. Paul uses the metaphor of being "rooted" and "built-up" to explain our growth with Jesus. In your life, what does it mean to be rooted and built up?
6. Here at COMMUNITY, we talk about being a '3C' Christ follower – someone who is celebrating, contributing, and connecting. Which of those three Cs come naturally to you? Which of the 3C do you recognize the most opportunity for growth?
7. Our growth in Christ is not about checking the right boxes. Is there an area where you feel God is calling you to grow beyond the 3Cs?

**CHALLENGE**

If you have not done so, we want to challenge you to complete a 3C Spiritual Growth Plan ([communitychristian.org/3c](http://communitychristian.org/3c)) to find out what areas you still have room to grow. Take some time this week to complete it. Then, talk to someone about it.