



Value Statements: "Growing people change"

Getting Started

When you were a kid, what did you want to grow up to be?

What is an event in your life that caused you to grow? What was the event and how did it cause you to grow?

Going Deeper

Take a moment to read and discuss Canyon Springs Value #2

Growing people change

Each person is at a different place in their journey, but we all have one thing in common. Either we are moving forward or we are sliding backward. Our challenge is to take the next step in your relationship with God whether it is step one or step 1001. We want to challenge everyone who walks in the door to take the next step in their God journey.

Why is this an important value as a church?

Why is this an important value for each of us as individuals?

What do the following verses say about the growth God desires for each of us?

[Philippians 3:13,14](#)

[Isaiah 43:19](#)

[Romans 12:2](#)

God's goal for you is to make you the best version of yourself that you can be. Read [Ephesians 2:8-10](#) and discuss what it means to be God's handiwork.

Read and discuss the following quote:

"When you flourish, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when he thought you up. You don't just become holier. You become you-ier. You will change; God wants you to become a "new creation." But "new" doesn't mean completely different"

- John Ortberg, *The Me I Want to Be*.

Have you ever had the fear that if you get closer to God that he would change you into something you didn't want to be? What were you afraid God would turn you into?

On Sunday Jack talked about God's goal for changing you. Take a moment to discuss each of them.

1) God's goal is not to make me the me I think I should be.

How can people's expectations and "shoulds" keep you from being who God wants you to be?

Take a moment to talk about the following quote:

"Spiritual greatness has nothing to do with being greater than others. It has everything to do with being as great as each of us can be."

- Henri Nouwen

2) God's goal is not to make me the me other people want me to be.

What people in your life have pressured you to be something you did not want to be?

How can you walk the balance between following what God wants for your life and being true to who you are as a person?

3) God's goal is to make me the me I'm meant to be.

Take a moment to do an inventory of your life.

What are the moments in your life in which you feel like you are being the person God designed you to be?

What is an area of your life that you would like to grow in?

Take a moment to pray as a group for growth in this area of your life.

