Five Stages of Growth: What is Your Next Step?

	Early Letters: Establish in the Gospel	Middle Letters: Establish a Pattern for the	Household of Faith	Late Letters: Entrust the Gospel to New Generations of Leaders		
Foundations		Establish		Entrust		
	Luke 4:14-6:12	Luke 6:12-8:56	Luke 9-24	Acts 1-10	Acts 11-28	
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Mentor's Role	Direct	Coach	Support	Delegate	Empower	
Establish In	Learn Scripture and Gospel	Grow Covenant Relationships and Disciplines of Grace	Explore Skills, Character and Vision of a Servant Leader	Build Servant Leadership and Mission	Legacy Perseverance	
Disciple Characterized by	Ignorance and Enthusiasm	Self-Centeredness and Disillusionment	God-centeredness (Humility), Other-centeredness (Love)	Intentionality and Vision	Multiplication	
Starting Point	Has a testimony of saving faith in Jesus. Has a desire to know God more deeply.	Can articulate the gospel and its basic implications. Has a desire to participate in the life of the church and its mission.	Is practicing basic spiritual disciplines. Is asking to serve in defined roles and ready to take some risks. Has a growing heart for outsiders and is obedient to the Lordship of Jesus.	High level of commitment and gives generously of time, energy and resources. Is a growing disciple of Jesus and wants to make disciples.	Already serving faithfully. Personally embodies the vision, mission and values of Jesus. Ready to multiply their influence through missional leaders.	
Growth Outcomes	D. Can read, study and understand passages in the Bible. D. Is growing in the discipline of private and community prayer. D. Participates in corporate worship. D. Is pursuing discipleship with a mentor. B. Has had opportunity to count the cost of following Jesus and is still saying yes to him. B. Their love for God and his word is growing.	K. Understands covenant relationships: Husbands, Wives, Children, Church, Work K. Can articulate a basic theology of the Church and its mission K. Understands the kingdom of God and the Lordship of Jesus. D. Can apply the gospel practically to problems in their everyday life. D. Is actively praying for the mission of the church, neighbors, friends and family members. D. Actively engaged in spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, witness and worship. D. Active in discipleship within the context of a covenant community. D. Practices tithing and generosity with financial and material resources. D. Actively submitting to their covenant roles and responsibilities. B. Has a growing love for the church, their family and God's purposes in the world.	K. Is equipped with basic Peacemaking skills. K. Understands the purpose of spiritual gifts and what theirs might be. D. Can lead prayer in small group settings. D. Shares the gospel with family, friends and neighbors. D. Listens to the Holy Spirit in discipleship and evangelism. D. Mastering the inductive study method. D. Is taking first steps toward discipling others. B. Has experienced disappointment with God and figured out it isn't fatal. B. Has experienced disappointment with the church and figured out it isn't fatal. B. Has experienced failure in ministry and has persevered. B. Is embracing servant leadership. B. Is increasingly bearing the fruit of the Spirit. B. Is counting the cost of leadership and embracing the vision of Jesus anyway.	See Antioch "Becoming Established Assesment" for Know and Be Goals. D. Learning to pray for people that God has put under their care and celebrate God's work in response. D. Prays for God's work in the St. Croix Valley and in the world. D. Is actively discipling others to maturity. D. Is effective in personal witness and evangelism. B. Actively wrestles with Jesus' vision for our lives and seeks to adjust all of life to his priorities. B. Is learning to persevere in ministry and shepherding others. B. Demonstrates godly relationships at home, in the church and in the world.	See Antioch "Becoming Established Assesment" for Know and Be Goals. The essential thing here is that a legacy leader is multiplying missional leaders. They don't have to be an expert in everything but they should be competent missional leaders. They should meet the qualifications for eldership outlined in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, except that women are also legacy leaders.	

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Essential Resources	Daily Quiet Time: S.O.A.P. Inductive Bible Study: Ephesians, Colossians, or Philippians Fruit to Root Tool "Gospel Primer" by Vincent "Victory Over the Darkness" by Anderson or "Union with Christ" by Wilbourne "Share Jesus Without Fear" Tool	Inductive Bible Study: 1 Corinthians "Disciplines of Grace" by Bridges Spiritual Gifts Assesment "Church Membership" by Leeman "The Reason for God" by Keller "Everyday Church" by Timmis	Inductive Bible Study: 2 Corinthians Inductive Bible Study: 1, 2 Timothy Inductive Bible Study: Moses Peacemaking Principles Five Thresholds of Conversion Tool Five Stages of Growth Tool		
Helpful Resources	Read: Genesis 1 - Exodus 20 Read: Matthew, Luke, John, Psalms "Jesus Storybook Bible" by Lloyd-Jones "The Drama of Scripture" by Goheen "Prayer" by Tim Keller "The Meaning of Marriage" by Keller "The Fight" by John White	Read: Exodus - Ezra Read: Acts, Romans-Philemon, 1 Peter "How to Read the Bible for All its Worth" by Fee and Stuart "Humility" by Mahaney "The Drama of Scripture" by Goheen "The Exemplary Husband" "The Excellent Wife" "Conscience" by Naselli and Crowley	Read: Job - Malachi Read: Hebrews - Revelation "Engaging God's World" by Plantinga "Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God" by Packer "The Art of Neighboring" by Pathak "Taking God at His Word" by DeYoung "What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality" by DeYoung	"Let the Nations be Glad" by Piper "Every Good Endeavor" by Keller Biblical Theology Systematic Theology	
On-Campus Supplements	 Christianity Explored Class Inductive Bible Study Class Marriage Class Parenting Class Men's Fraternity Old Testament Overview Class 	 How People Change Apologetics Class Financial Peace University Titus 2 Mentoring Group 	 Antioch: Acts Course Antioch: Pauline Epistles 	 Antioch: Essentials Peacemaker's Training Biblical Counseling Training Perspectives Course NT Greek Class 	

Keys to Fruitful

1. Meet Regularly

Discipleship:

- 2. Give your time to those that want to grow.
- 3. DON'T ASSUME the gospel. Learn and test it.