



Week 13 - Growth & Direction

You have now been a disciple of Jesus for over three months. Talk about some ways you feel like you have already grown and share some lessons you have already learned.

Romans 12:1-2

From this passage what would you say is going to be the key is to ongoing spiritual growth?

As we follow Jesus and seek to do his will, we will have to make various decisions. For example, should I go for this degree, should I take this job, should I move to a different location, should I marry this person, the list is endless. What guidance does a passage like Romans 12 give us as we face these decisions?

Whenever we are uncertain about God's will, it is always helpful to turn to **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** because here we find God's will spelled out for us very clearly. Two questions: First, why can you do this? Second, why will this always be helpful in moving forward?

Read Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in **Ephesians 3:14-21**.

Particularly, as you look at verse 18, what kind of spiritual goal would a passage like this encourage you to have? At this point on your journey, what convinces you of the great love of God that he has for you in Christ? Based on this passage, why can this be a lifelong goal that You will never outgrow? And finally, why will that be a goal that will never frustrate you?

Pray together.