

## Pray It Up

Ask God to show you one thing you can do this week to grow more like Him, and ask Him for all you need to do it (whether that's planning, time, courage, or something else). Then follow through with what He tells you.

## Step It Up

Have you been praying about someone you'd like to invite to Easter service? Tell the group about them and pray together for people who need the good news of Jesus. What can you do this week to issue that invitation?



# Growth

## Part 4

## Read It Up

Psalm 119:105

Ezekiel 14:1–5

Matthew 6:24; 28:18–20

Luke 22:19–20

John 3:16

Ephesians 4:12–16

Philippians 3:10–14

Philemon v6

Hebrews 10:25

## Start It Up

Have you ever had a Chia Pet or other fad toy (like a mood ring or a pet rock)? How did you come to own it? Why do you think it appealed to so many people?

## Talk It Up

1. How do you feel when you hear, “If you’re not changing, you’re probably not following Jesus?”
2. Read Philippians 3:10–14. How does the apostle Paul model a good attitude toward spiritual growth?
3. What two things do you need to read the Bible? What will reading it do for you (Psalm 119:105)?

4. Why should believers be baptized (Matthew 28:18–20)? Have you been baptized since you decided to follow Jesus? (If not, sign up for Easter baptism and ask your group to come cheer you on!)
  
5. How do you balance the command to attend church regularly (Hebrews 10:25) with the knowledge that attendance alone isn't enough to grow any more than just going to the gym is enough to stay fit?
  
6. Read Ezekiel 14:1–6. What do the words “confession” and “repentance” mean to you? Do you practice them?
  
7. What did Jesus say was His chief competition for our hearts (Matthew 6:24)? How can we defeat that enemy and become more like God (John 3:16)?

8. Read Philemon 6 (one verse). How do you think sharing our faith gives us a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ?
  
9. How did Jesus serve us (Luke 22:19–20)? How does our service to others help us grow (Ephesians 4:12–16)? Where are you serving at New Horizon? If you're not currently serving, considering serving on Easter Sunday at one of the three services. Sign up to serve on Easter at Serving Team HQ.
  
10. Which of the recommended practices do you find easier to do? Harder? As a group, brainstorm solutions to help you do the more difficult things, and encourage each other not to give up the easy things or take them for granted.

## Think It Up

“Bottom line—Jesus is coming after your heart. It's not about your behavior; He wants your heart.” Has anything in your life become an idol? Confess it to God and repent of it. Ask your spouse or a same-sex accountability partner to hold you accountable so that you can continue to grow.