

Foundations Truth #1: We start by trusting Jesus.

Our problem is sin. (Romans 6:23)

- Sin = trusting and acting on your own opinions or feelings instead of trusting and acting on God's truth.
- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death

Our solution is Jesus.

- **Gal 1:4** Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.

Our response is faith.

- **Rom 3:22** We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Foundations Truth #2: We live to honor God.

- **2 Cor 5:17** This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

The Spirit leads us. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

- **Ezekiel 36:26** And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. **27** And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

The Bible guides us.

- **2 Tim 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Other believers help us.

- **Gal 6:2** Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Foundations Truth #3: We grow by helping others.

We grow by serving people.

Mark 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

We grow by giving to God's work.

Matthew 6:21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

The greatest way to grow is by mentoring others.

Matt 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations..."