

HOW TO GROW

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PREACHING POINT: Develop a strong and lasting appetite for God's word so that you'll never stop growing as a Christian.

1 Peter 2:1–3 (ESV)
1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1. **Stop** _____ **(v.1)**

2. **Crave** _____ **(v.2a)**

3. **Feed** _____ **(v.2b)**

4. **Stay** _____ **(v.3)**

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:1. Peter identifies malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander as things Christians must put away. These are not always obvious, outward sins. They can show up in our attitudes, conversations, relationships, and even the way we think about other people. Which of these are easiest for Christians to overlook or justify in their own lives? What does it look like to genuinely put these things aside rather than simply learn to manage them?

2. Read 1 Peter 2:2. Peter compares our desire for God's Word to a newborn baby's hunger for milk. A baby doesn't need to be convinced that it needs nourishment. It craves it because its life depends on it. What does your appetite for God's Word reveal about the place God actually holds in your daily life? What tends to compete with that desire, and what does that competition reveal about your priorities?

3. Peter says we are to crave God's Word so that we may grow through it. How should our lives look different after years of being exposed to Scripture? Where should we see evidence of spiritual growth in our character, decisions, relationships, and responses to difficult circumstances? How do we recognize the difference between simply becoming more familiar with the Bible and actually being transformed by it?

4. Read 1 Peter 2:3 and Psalm 34:8. Peter connects our desire for God's Word to having personally experienced the Lord's goodness. Think about what Christ has done for you, the grace He has shown you, and the kindness you have experienced in your relationship with Him. How should remembering God's goodness change the way we approach His Word? Are we treating time in Scripture as another Christian responsibility, or as an opportunity to know the One who has been so good to us?

5. If someone looked at your life over the past six months, what evidence would they see that you are growing in your relationship with Christ? What is one area where God's Word needs to shape your thinking or behavior more deeply, and what needs to change for that growth to happen?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 22nd
Ezekiel 27-28 & James 4
November 23rd
Ezekiel 299-31 & James 5
November 24th
Ezekiel 32-33 & 1 Peter 1
November 25th
Ezekiel 34-35 & 1 Peter 2
November 26th
Ezekiel 36-37 & 1 Peter 3
November 27th
Ezekiel 38-39 & 1 Peter 4
November 28th
Ezekiel 40 & 1 Peter 5
November 29th
Ezekiel 41-42 & 2 Peter 1

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