



Topeka Bible Church
NextStep, Message #1:
“Are You Ready for the Next Step?”
Community Group Study Questions
2 Peter 3:18; 1 John 4:11; Matthew 28:19-20

1. What is one of the most difficult “growing” experiences you have ever had? What did you learn? Why did God take you through that particular experience? Where do you anticipate that you will grow in 2008?

Spiritual Growth
(UP)



2. If salvation is by grace, once and for all, what does it mean to “grow in the grace and knowledge” of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:10)? Notice that Peter begins his letter by mentioning the “knowledge” of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:2).

3. Why is it so important to God that we love others within the church (John 13:35)? What is the basis for this love for “one another” (1 John 4:11; John 15:12)? What does this “one another” love look like on a practical level (Philippians 2:3-4)?

Relational Growth
(WITH)



4. Describe a time when someone within the church reached out to you with the love of God. What happened? How did they love you through your experience? Where do you struggle to demonstrate this “one another” love?

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5. Why is God so concerned with this business of “making disciples” (*Matthew 28:19-20*)? How do you “make” a disciple? What does the act of baptism have to do with making disciples (see *Acts 8:35-38*)?

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Missional Growth
(OUT)

6. Describe a time when you took part in this process of “disciple-making.” Do you know how you can contribute to the ministry of God’s kingdom here on earth?
7. ***NextStep APPLICATION:*** What is one step that you can take in each of these areas of growth (*Spiritual, Relational, and Missional*)? Are you willing to commit to growing in each of these areas this year? Share this with someone.

Memory Verse:

**“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”
(2 Peter 3:18, NIV)**

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