**SCC SMALL GROUP**

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**Keeping it Going**

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**Searching the Scriptures:**

1. When you were growing up were you considered "more" or "less" mature than your classmates?

 2. Did you ever grow something as you were growing up? If so, what? If not, what do you remember about things growing around you?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

1. Read the key verse for this study I Peter 2:21. What does it say is the "path for spiritual maturity?"

2. What do these verses add to what Peter states: 2 John 1:8 and 2 Peter 3:18?

3. The bottom-line to "keeping it going" is having the life goal of becoming more spiritually mature. What does Romans 8:29 state about this personal life goal?

4. Let's look at a few facts about spiritual growth:

* It's not automatic - Hebrews 5:12-13
* It’s a process - Proverbs 8:5.
* It takes intentionality on our part - I Timothy 4:7b
* It’s not easy - Luke 14:27

5. The key spiritual habit that helps us grow in Christ is spending daily time with God. Read Colossians 3:9-10. How does Paul describe the spiritual growth process?

* What key discipleship habit is noted in John 8:31-32?

6. We need to pick a good place and time to meet with God. We meet with God for four reasons:

* To give devotion to God. How does David state this in Psalm 29:2?
* To get direction from God.
	+ We need to consider our way. Read Psalm 25:4 & Proverbs 3:6
	+ We need to commit our day. Read Psalm 37:5
* To gain delight in God (joy).
	+ How does David describe "delight"?
	+ Not an obligation but an opportunity!
* To develop our Christlikeness.
	+ Read 2 Peter 1:3
	+ How do you evaluate your daily progress?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

1. Which point in Pastor's Scott's message did you feel was most helpful to you?

2. Where in your life are you "growing great" and where in your life could you use some "greater intentionality"?

3. What is your best time and best place to meet with God?