

# STARTING OVER



## Part 2: GROW

... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded...  
~ Jesus

### APPETIZER: Teaching Them To Obey

When we obey, we want to know...

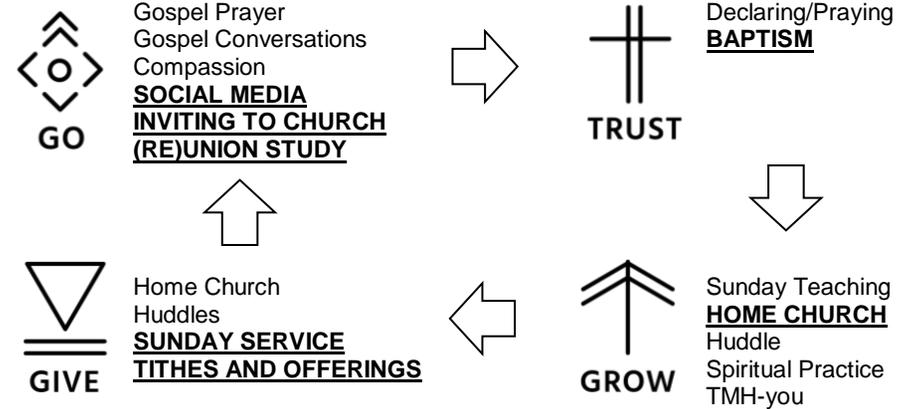
- Do they know more than me?
- Do they have my best interests at heart?
- Will my obedience lead to a greater good?

Matthew 28:18-20; 1 John 4:8, 16; John 14:15, 23; John 8:31-32

#### GROW

- Learn...** from Jesus, taking his yoke
- Apply...** what you learn, like a wise builder
- Abide...** in Jesus, like branches in a vine
- Seek...** the kingdom and the Spirit
- Pray...** daily, intimately, confidently
- Fast...** without fanfare
- Remove...** temptation
- Forgive...** repeatedly
- Reconcile...** immediately
- Beware...** of religious legalism spreading like yeast
- Discern...** truth by its fruit
- Be wise...** like a snake
- Be innocent...** like a dove
- Don't worry...** focus on God not stuff
- Don't judge...** the universe already has one of those
- Be merciful...** like God
- Be joyful...** there is good reason to be
- Think pure...** others are not objects
- Celebrate singleness...** you can do more for the kingdom
- Honour marriage...** it is a covenant for life
- Pay what you owe...** taxes to government, life to God
- Plain speech...** let your yes be yes, and no be no
- Simple living...** learn from the birds
- Learn from (or leave) your leaders...** including hypocrites
- Bear fruit...** with the Spirit's help
- Remember...** Jesus, through the eucharist

### THE MEETING HOUSE & DISCIPLESHIP



### DINE IN: Authority, Action, & Foundation

Matthew 7:24-29

- We all must choose \_\_\_\_\_.
- We all must build \_\_\_\_\_.
- We all must face \_\_\_\_\_.

### TAKE OUT: Why Should We Join A Home Church?

At The Meeting House, Home Church is our primary discipleship community. Home Church...

- Connects us in community
- Reinforces what we're learning during the week
- Changes how we listen and learn on Sunday
- Creates safe space to practice obeying the commands of Christ

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."  
~ Jesus

**NEXT WEEK:** Starting Over (part 3) – GIVE

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## Home Church Questions

### **HANGOUT** [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Why are you at Home Church?
2. Of the five aspects of the discipleship cycle (Trust, Grow, Give, Go, Together) which do you find most challenging to live out?
3. Did God highlight anything for you from Sunday's teaching? Any lingering questions?

### **HEAR** [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

4. Read **Matthew 7:24-29**.
  - a. What verse or idea seems significant to you?
  - b. Jesus says it is his words, his teaching, that we must put into practice. Where does that leave the rest of the Bible in our lives?
  - c. Both the wise and foolish builders are people who know the teaching of Jesus. In other words, they are both people we might find in church today. In what life situations have you been more like the wise builder? When have you been more like the foolish builder?
  - d. Read Jesus' retelling of this same story in **Luke 6:46-49**. What new things do you notice in this version? Is there any additional lessons we can draw out from this passage?

### **HUDDLE** [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. Review the 26 commands of Christ that help us grow. Which ones (choose up to 5) do you need the most help to grow in this season? Talk about specific things you might do to support one another in this growth.