



Where Do We Grow From Here? | Leviticus 26:3-5 & Isaiah 43:18-19

1. Share with your small group how you feel about the invitation to return to in-person church gatherings. Are you feeling confident, concerned, or cautious? Why?
2. Watch Ken Benjamin's video, '[So what are we meeting for?](#)' [click]. Is there anything he says that challenges afresh about your journey of faith?
3. How is Chris' idea of a '*September Reboot*' helpful to you (or not)? Did you have any thoughts about what this might include for your journey of faith?
4. In turn, read and discuss Leviticus 26:3-5 and Isaiah 43:18-19. What strikes you as you hear each of these texts? How do you feel they are relevant for you individually and/or for us corporately?
5. Can you think of a season in your faith journey when you have wanted effortless growth? How did you seek to acquire it? Did it work? What did you learn as a consequence? How is the farming or gardening metaphor helpful with this regard?
6. What can you learn from our two Scripture verses about how growth happens? What's your responsibility and what is God's? Does the idea of a reward for obedience bother you? What is the reward anyhow?
7. Chris said there are three great concerns in our journey of faith: *The Great Commandment* (Matthew 22:34-40); *The Great Priority* (Matthew 6:33); and *The Great Commission* (Matthew 28:16-20). Look up each in Matthew's gospel and, in turn, discuss what strikes you most about each one.
8. Share with your group how you are seeking to grow in each of the three great concerns listed above. Is one of the great concerns more important than the others? Why? Why not?
9. How do you feel CBC, corporately, has room for growth with each of the great concerns? How, do you feel, has the pandemic helped and/or hindered us in each area? Is there an area of mission or ministry in the life of the church which you have missed or even not missed? Why?
10. Spend some time praying together about the various things you have discussed.