Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church November 4th, 2012

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Series: 30-Day Church Challenge - #4

Topic: "The Process of Spiritual Growth"

<u>Text</u>: Ephesians 4:15-16

1. The Goal...Christ-like Character

- Romans 8:29
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 1 Peter 1:3

2. Spiritual growth occurs gradually in phases...

- a) Establishing faith...
 - Repentance → Conversion → Belief
- b) <u>Laying foundations</u>...
 - Who Christ is and how to follow Him
- c) Equipping for ministry...
 - Serving others and sharing your faith
- d) Developing new leaders...

- How to live in the <u>kingdom</u> assuming <u>responsibility</u> for others

3. Equipping and restoring

- Ephesians 4:5
- Philippians 1:6

4. Living in the "already but not yet" zone

- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- 1 John 3:2
- Philippians 2:13

5. Seven ways to tell you are growing spiritually mature in the Lord...

- 1) Loving the Lord...loving others
- 2) In the Word and prayer
- 3) Not easily hurt
- 4) Restoring people who are off track
- 5) The cross before me...the world behind me
- 6) Enjoying the family of God
- 7) Others notice your progress