

Steps to Christ  
Chapter 8  
Growing Up in Christ

I. Consider the Lilies, How They Grow

 **Read Isaiah 61:30; Hosea 14:5 and 7; Mark 4:28; John 3:3; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 2:2**

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think a new Christian is compared to a new-born baby?
  
2. After reading John 3:3, what do you think it means, “born from above”?
  
3. The texts say that a Christian is like a developing plant. In what ways could you say a Christian “grows up”?

II. What Plants Must Have to Grow

 **Read Psalm 84:11; Isaiah 60:19; Hosea 14:5; John 6:33**

Discussion Question:


4. Explain in practical ways how God is like:
  - a. Everlasting Life
  
  - b. A Sun and a Shield

c. Rain on Mowed Grass

d. Living Water

e. Bread of Life

III. Keeping the Plant Alive

 **Read Psalm 16:8; John 15:4-5; Colossians 2:6; Hebrews 11:38**

Discussion Questions:

5. What do you believe these texts are trying to tell us?
  
6. What in our lives can keep these things from happening?
  
7. How do you think a person “walks in Christ”?

IV. Finding True Rest

 **Read Psalm 37:7; Isaiah 30:15; Matthew 11:28; Galatians 2:20**

Discussion Questions:

8. In a time of stress, how does being in Christ bring us true rest?

9. If someone were to ask you to explain Galatians 2:20, what would you say?

#### V. Just Like Us

 **Read 2 Corinthians 3:18; James 5:17**

Discussion Questions:

10. Which do you think are the basic “passions” James 5:17 is referring to?

11. How does the Christian get victory over these passions?

#### VI. Our Only Hope

 **Read Matthew 28:20; John 16:23-24; Romans 8:34**

Discussion Questions:

12. What do you think Jesus means when He said, “I am with you always”?

13. John 16: 22 and 24 say that whatever we ask in His name, He will give to us. A man said he is praying to win the lottery. How do you feel about this?

14. What did Jesus mean by the word “anything”?


#### VII. The Promise of the Spirit

 **John 14:17; Read John 16:7-8**

Discussion Question:

15. There is much emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit, as recorded in 1 Corinthians 12. As you read John 16:7-8, what are the three things the Spirit does that are often not emphasized?

#### VIII. . . . Been with Jesus

 **Read Acts 4:13; Philippians 2:13**

Discussion Questions:

16. What do you think it means “to will and to do His good pleasure”?

17. What do you think the words “been with Jesus” mean to us in the 21st Century?