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LESSON 8 // SEE THE STEPS

Big Idea: An important part of spiritual vision is seeing and taking steps that lead to the life God designed for us. Getting on the right path is the key to getting to the right place in Him.

Spiritual progress is the result of following the right spiritual process. God's process for spiritual progress is simple: consistent personal time with Him, involvement in the local church, stretching your faith and responding well to what God reveals about yourself and your relationships with others.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (TPT) *As a prisoner of the Lord, I plead with you to walk holy, in a way that is suitable to your high rank, given to you in your divine calling. ² With tender humility and quiet patience, always demonstrate gentleness and generous love toward one another, especially toward those who may try your patience. ³ Be faithful to guard the sweet harmony of the Holy Spirit among you in the bonds of peace, ⁴ being one body and one spirit, as you were all called into the same glorious hope of divine destiny. ⁵ For the Lord God is one, and so are we, for we share in one faith, one baptism, and one Father. ⁶ And He is the perfect Father who leads us all, works through us all, and lives in us all!*

Discuss It:

- “Spiritual progress is the result of following the right spiritual process.” What are some common obstacles that hinder people from progressing in their spiritual growth? How can someone know if they are (or aren't) progressing?
- One of the simple steps shared for making progress is: Consistent personal time with God. What value does this add to one's growth? What are some ways that someone can spend time with God?
- **Read Hebrews 10:25 & Acts 2:42.** Another step for progress is: Consistent involvement in the local church. What does this mean to you? What is the value of being “planted” in a local church? Do you think it would be challenging to make progress without being “planted” in a church? Why?
- **Read Hebrews 11:6.** Why do you think it is impossible to please God without faith? What can begin to happen to our spiritual progress if we aren't stretching our faith? In this current season of life, how are you personally stretching your faith?
- What are some practical things that you can do to ensure that you are growing in this area of your life?
- **Read Hebrews 12:14-15.** Relationships matter to God and He desires that we have healthy relationships with others. How does God help us in this area? What is one thing that God has been showing you about how you can be better in your key relationships?

Pray About It:

As you close in prayer, this would be a great time to remind everyone of the steps that are part of spiritual progress. Ask group members what is one step they know God wants them to take this week. Pray for one another and ask God to give strength and courage to follow through on these steps.

Leader Tip:

This week is a great opportunity to help (and encourage) group members take “next steps” in their growth (baptisms, serving, regular attendance, etc.).

