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**Message Series:** Disciples Who Make Disciples, Pt. 2

**Last Week:** "It is wonderful what God can do with a broken heart \_\_\_\_\_. He gets \_\_\_\_\_ the pieces." ~Chadwick

*Colossians 1:28, 29 "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me."*

*Philippians 4:17 "... I seek the fruit that increases to your credit."*

**Five Stages of Growth:** 1. Spiritually Dead; 2. Infant; 3. Child; 4. Young Adult; 5. Parent

\* **Parent** → "**Spiritual Parent**" - Reinforces the making or \_\_\_\_\_ of disciples.

\* **Warning:** All stages of discipleship are equally valuable.

**Encouragement:** People who aren't growing need to get around people who are growing!

**What Does It Mean to Grow? The Core \_\_\_\_\_**

**Truth:** As an intentional disciple—understands and submits to God's authority (Head), is transformed by Jesus Christ (\_\_\_\_\_), and joins Jesus on His Kingdom mission (Hands) - his \_\_\_\_\_ is radically changed. (2 Timothy 2:6-8)

#### **The Core Four**

**#1. Relationship With Jesus**—this unites the other 3 together. But it begins here.

*John 15:5 "I am the true vine, you are the branches... apart from Me you can do nothing."*

**#2. Relationship Within God's Family the Church**—As Core #1 is real, we learn \_\_\_\_\_ others in Christ. (Ephesians 4:12, 13)

**#3. Relationship At Home**—Best place to make disciples!

*Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead bring them up in the training... of the Lord."*

**#4. Relationship With The World**—90% of the Roman world would have been considered slaves.

*Ephesians 6:5, 6 "Slaves, obey your earthly masters... as you would obey Christ."*

**The Benefits:** Change isn't instantaneous, following Christ is a journey we take together, and we all need help from others to grow up in Christ.

*Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."*