

**Growing to be more like Jesus**  
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Matthew 16:13-23; 1 Peter 3:9; John 21

**Big Idea: We follow Jesus together by growing to be more like Jesus.**

**Luke 5:8**

To grow we need to **know** Jesus more.

**Matthew 16:13-23**

To grow we need to **live** more like Jesus.

**1 Peter 3:9**

To grow we need to **love** Jesus more.

**John 21**

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## Sermon questions

We're in a series this month called *Following Jesus Together* where we're talking about being a church that makes Jesus known by loving others as Jesus has loved us. This week we're talking about "following Jesus together by connecting in Jesus-centered relationships" and our key text is **Ephesians 4:11-16**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What is one thing from the message this week that you needed to hear?
2. Looking back at your life, when has God caused you to grow the most and how did God do that?

3. Read together **Ephesians 4:11-16**. What does it look like for Alderwood to be a church that “grows to be in every respect the mature body of Christ” (**vs. 15**)? What is your part in that?
  
4. Reflecting on the three areas of growth from the message (knowing Jesus, living like Jesus, and loving Jesus), where do you want to **grow** the most right now?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Often, we grow most when we **go** to do what Jesus calls us to do. When have you seen Jesus use your obedience to help you grow? Is there something specific he is asking you to do in obedience right now?