

## **A Year To Grow 2019**

### **Going Deeper**

Importance of foundations going deeper

#### **Preamble**

- Preparation for a move of God
- The largest harvest
- Church needs to be awake, ready, prepared
- Isaiah 60.1-2

#### **Introduction**

- For us as a Church family it s a year to Grow
- I believe there is an ask from the Lord for us to Go deeper and reach further

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. [3] For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. **Isaiah 54:1-4 NIV**

"Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! [3] For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities.

#### **Isaiah 54:2-3 NLT**

- It is a year to GROW - Going deeper, reaching further
- In every way
- Go deep, stabilise and strengthen foundations
- A year to GROW personally
- Grow In the knowledge of God
- Grow In our discipleship
- Grow In Holiness
- Grow In the the gifts - Supernatural
- Grow In fruit - Character
- Grow in relationship with others
- Grow In our families
- GROW as a Church family
- Grow our Campus families
- Grow the All Nations Network

Question - Do you want to grow?

## 1. **Stay Connected** - There is a cost

### **Stay connected to Christ - And His Body**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. [5] “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. [9] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. [10] If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. [11] I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit---fruit that will last---and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. [17] This is my command: Love each other. **John 15.1-17**

- Its all through relationship
- Nothing will grow you like growing in the knowledge of God
- Expanding your understanding of him
- Going deeper and more intimate in the relationship with God will change you I like nothing else can
- Abide, remain, stay connected to too
- A real and living relationship - Practicing the presence of God
- Remain more than 9 times!!
- Love me and obey me - In other words go deep with me
- Love each other and go deep with other to the point of death

## 2. **Choose Carefully** - who you walk with and what you meditate upon **Psalm 1**

Blessed is the one

- who does not walk in step with the wicked (ungodly)
- or stand in the way that sinners take (Any sinful behaviour)
- or sit in the company of mockers, (Mocking, ridiculing, gossiping)

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

- which yields its fruit in season
- and whose leaf does not wither—
- whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. **Psalm 1**

- In a world full of voices you have choices
- You could choose the wicked, ungodly voices
- You could stand in the way that sinners take - Any sinful behaviour
- Or sit with Mockers, ridiculing, gossiping, slandering
- But instead choose to delight in God's Words
- Meditate upon him, his ways, light, his goodness - day and night
- The reward is three fold picture of a tree by a stream - Fruitful, no withering, prosperous

3. **Become a Doer** - Have a radical quick obedience

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **Matthew 7:24-27**

- Storms come to all of us
- Be a doer not just a hearer