

PBC Growing in Christ

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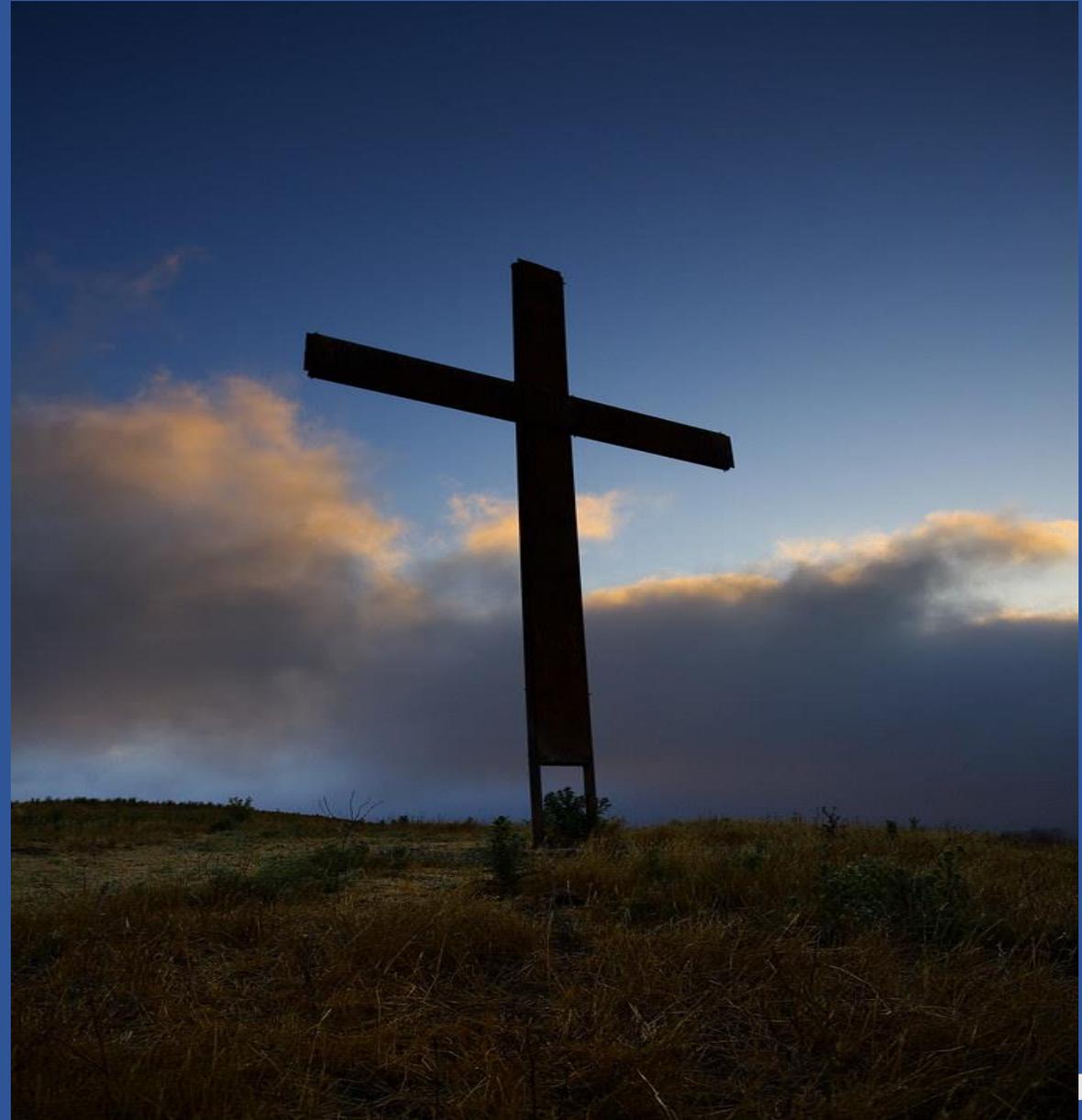
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, with its vertical post and two horizontal arms clearly visible against the sky.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

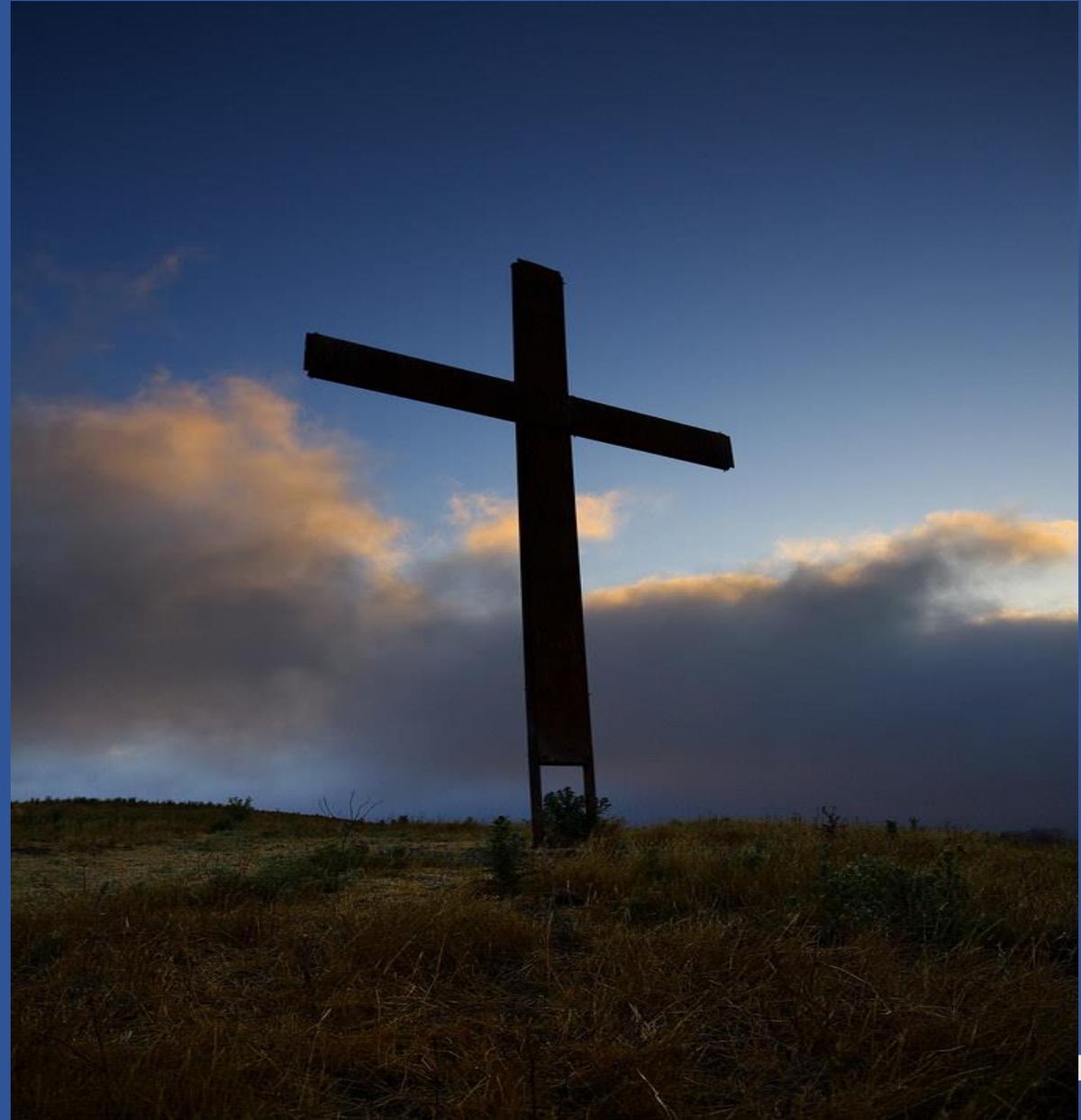
Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Honor All Relationships

Exodus 20:15-17

Psalm 37:1-6

**Who has been an
example of personal
integrity
in your life?**

Scripture

Exodus 20:15-16

15 Do not steal. 16 Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.





Honor All Relationships Exodus 20:15-16

Why is it so important for believers to be people of integrity?

How can we obey these commandments when we interact with others on social media?



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Exodus 20:15-16

- God is concerned with a person's integrity, where what is on the inside matches what is on the outside
- Above all else, we need to live with integrity, because our lives have been given to us as a way of bringing glory to God and advancing His kingdom on earth.
- Living a life of integrity means modeling our thoughts, words, and actions after God. As we do this, we're able to advance His kingdom agenda on earth while bringing glory to Him and good to others.

Scripture

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Exodus 20:17

17 Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.





Honor All Relationships Exodus 20:17

How would you describe what it means to 'covet'?

What are some practical steps we can take to avoid discontentment in our lives?

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Exodus 20:17



- Circumstances or stuff should never drive our contentment. The apostle Paul penned the secret to contentment when he wrote: “I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. I know both how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. ... whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:11-13).
- The secret to contentment comes in knowing that all we have and all we can do comes through Christ who strengthens us and provides for us.

Scripture

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Psalm 37:1-6

1 Do not be agitated by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong.
2 For they wither quickly like grass and wilt like tender green plants.
3 Trust in the LORD and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely.
4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.
5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act,
6 making your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday.



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Psalm 37:1-6

When have you experienced for yourself that God's commands are for your good?

How can we help each other keep our focus on God as the answer to all our desires?

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Psalm 37:1-6



- We can let go of competition and embrace our completion in Christ. When we do, we can rest. We can let go. We can align our thoughts, words, and actions under His rule and trust Him to bring us all we truly need for a life of love and happiness.
- Give Christ your heart by giving Him your allegiance. Then watch Him bring you delight as He delights in you.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Tell the truth.** Be mindful of your words this week. If you're tempted to say anything that isn't honest and truthful, stop yourself. Even when the cultural standard allows for less than complete honesty or the issue seems inconsequential, set a standard of honesty.
- **Memorize His Word.** Commit to memory 2 Corinthians 9:8: "God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work." Let this verse continually remind you that you already have all you need to live fully in Him.
- **Keep it real.** The things we view on TV or social media can cause us to become dissatisfied with our own lives. Identify a close friend or small group of friends with whom you can be a mutual source of encouragement when you struggle with



Final thoughts about Honor All Relationships

- Many people excuse a lie because it's only "a little white lie." Lies have a way of creating a boomerang effect and coming right back at us to cause a lot of damage.
 - When we operate outside of the virtues of the kingdom, we're not reflecting the truth of who God is.
 - Contentment is the key to living a life of integrity. When we let go of all the flawed efforts to get ahead, we can rest in the truth that God's sovereign providential hand will provide all we need to experience life to the fullest.
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We are going love the hell out
you!

Resources

Philippians 4:11-13

Psalm 37:25 notes he was “old”

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

Romans 8:28

James 4:1-2

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Bible.com



Next Week: November 1, 2020
Walking in Grief

Psalm 116:1-9,15-17

What's a movie that always
makes you cry?



God Bless You!

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