

PBC Growing in Christ

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Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The cross is silhouetted against a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun. The clouds are scattered and catch the low light, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

- 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)





Holy Isaiah 40:25-31

When have you seen
something that would be
considered 'one of a
kind'?

Scripture Holy

Isaiah 40:25-26

25 “To whom will you compare me, or who is my equal?” asks the Holy One. 26 Look up and see! Who created these? He brings out the stars by number; he calls all of them by name. Because of his great power and strength, not one of them is missing.



Holy **Isaiah 40:25-26**

What do you think of when you hear the word 'holy'?

When have you recently been in awe of our Creator?



Holy

Isaiah 40:25-26

- Through the prophet Isaiah, God asked two foundational questions:
 - (1) Who is like Me?
 - (2) Who is equal to Me? If we attempt to answer those rhetorical questions with anything but the obvious answer “No one,” then we have not set apart God as holy. We have erroneously set as equals two distinctly differing beings.
 - The majesty of the stars screams of God’s holiness, power, and glory. “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands”
 - Because of God’s great power and mighty strength, not one of the stars is missing.
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Scripture Holy

Isaiah 40:27-28

27 Jacob, why do you say, and, Israel, why do you assert: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my claim is ignored by my God”? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never becomes faint or weary; there is no limit to his understanding.



Holy **Isaiah 40:27-28**

What are some excuses we use for not doing what God commands us to do?

When have you experienced the provision of God's presence or deliverance?



Holy

Isaiah 40:27-28

- **Times of questions (like the Jews):**
 - Complaints when we are scared or do not know what the future holds.
 - Grumble in our uncertainty and search for answers
 - To many voices of answer and lack the wisdom to hear the correct response above all their noise.
- **When we're experiencing those "dry seasons," God is present, He knows us, and He knows what we need.**
 - That is why He is God and we are not. He never tires or grows weary of our questions and needs.
- **God is without equal in His knowledge, and His infinite wisdom points to His holiness.**

Scripture Holy

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless. 30 Youths may become faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall, 31 but those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.



Holy

Isaiah 40:29-31

How have you experienced the truth of these verses?

What emotions surface when you read these verses?



Holy

Isaiah 40:29-31

- Facing our weaknesses is not limited to physical limitations.
 - We can struggle spiritually.
 - We can feel weak when it comes to maintaining good relationships, struggling with temptation, or enduring difficulties at home or work.
 - We may want to do the right thing, but we can't stand on our own.
- God is the only One who can sustain us.
- To sustain means to strengthen or support mentally or physically.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Thank Him.** Thank God for His uniqueness and holiness. Thank Him for His incredible power, infinite wisdom, and gracious sustaining work in your life.
- **Trust Him.** Only God has the power and wisdom to save you, help you, and sustain you. Consider any areas of your life where you might have questioned Him or relied more on yourself. Commit to trusting Him with all your life.
- **Be holy.** God is holy, and He calls us to follow Him and be holy as well. Commit to living a life set apart for Him. Memorize 1 Peter 1:15-16: “But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.”

Final thoughts about Holy



- **The fact that God's holiness sets Him apart from anything and everything should dispel any doubts about His creative power. This truth frees us to rely on Him, rather than our own strength, to strengthen us when we are weak and help us to thrive.**
- **Don't limit God's work in your life by underestimating him.**
- **No one can sustain himself nonstop; we all have limits.**

Resources

- **Psalm 19:1**
- **BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**
- **Bible.com**



Next Week: February 7, 2021
Encourage

Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26

When have you recently seen
encouragement in action?



God Bless You!

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