

The Growth of True Believers: John 4: 39-42

Belief in the testimony of others

- Many begin to believe in Christ because of the testimony of others.
- Trust in the words of reliable witnesses
- This is true today as we:
 1. Read the Bible accounts
 2. Hear the testimony of others
 3. Seek to know more about Christ



Take notice of the teachings of Jesus

- Examples are:
 1. Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 to 7
 2. John 13 to 17
 3. Other references of Jesus teaching in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Belief is nurtured by an encounter with Jesus

- Devotional reading of the Bible
- Prayer
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit
- Being led by the Holy Spirit
- Experiencing Christ's presence in challenging circumstances
- [A Prayer For Spiritual Growth](#)
- Heavenly Father, You have called us to grow in grace, to increase our understanding of Jesus and to develop a close and intimate relationship with You. Lord, this is what I desire to do, and I pray I may come to know You more and more each day.

Thank You, Father, for the Bible, which is written to help me understand Your Word of truth, and thank You for the indwelling Holy Spirit, Who has promised to guide me in the way that I should go.

I pray that I may learn to walk in spirit and truth so that I may mature in my Christian faith as I study the Bible and learn to live godly in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.