



ReThinking the Church Stop Going to Church

Look Back – Care, Praise, Loving Accountability, Vision – 20 mins This is a time to see how everyone’s week was. Were they successful in the previous week’s goals? Were they unsuccessful? It’s also a time to pour vision into your group. Give them the why behind things we are doing church wide. **Make sure to have your update outline with you so you can reference different points from the sermon.**

- What was the best birthday party you ever had? Anyone have a funny disaster birthday party?
- What did you think about our 5th Birthday Celebration? How did it encourage you?

Look Up – What does the Bible say? Practice – 20 mins

- Read Psalm 92:12-15. Brad said that for us to experience growth (among other words) we have to be planted **in a church and stop going to church**. Why this distinction? What’s the difference between the two and how does the Psalmist speak to that?
- Read Matthew 13:1-9. Pastor Brad said **Your Life is a Seed and A Seed Can Only Grow if it’s Planted**. What is Jesus saying about that in Matthew 13?
- The redwoods in Redwood National Park are some of the biggest trees in the world. They live within close range of each other and have root systems that are intertwined. What does this illustration show us about being planted and our roots growing deep? Can a redwood tree grow like this if it keeps being uprooted and moved? Why/why not?
- Read Jeremiah 17:8. How does being planted help you produce the fruit Paul talks about in his letter to the Galatian church? Can you produce fruit if you’re not planted?
- Being planted is so important that Pastor Brad went so far as to offer people help in finding a different community to plant in if Shift wasn’t the place. What does that say about: 1) How important this idea is 2) Shift’s commitment to grow the Kingdom in Gainesville and not just Shift?

Look Forward – Set Goals (For Accountability), Commission and Pray – 20 mins

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What do you need to do to get planted at Shift? Write it down and share it with the group. Commit to making steps to accomplish this. **(LEADER...THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO INVITE THOSE THAT HAVEN'T TO START WITH GROWTH TRACK. GT CASTS THE WHY BEHIND EVERYTHING WE DO AND WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO SEE THEIR PLACE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING IN AND THROUGH SHIFT. KEEP TRACK OF WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND REFERENCE THAT OVER THE SEMESTER TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE GET PLANTED)**