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# **Vision //** The Discipleship Pathway

5 stages of spiritual growth:

#### **SPIRITUALLY DEAD** (Ephesians 2:1-3)

You don't have any relationship with Jesus, you've yet to surrender your heart to Christ as Lord, you may be exploring faith, believe in a higher power, or even claim to know God... but ultimately, you're still running your life, calling the shots, you're on the throne of your life, and you've never received Salvation or the forgiveness of sin that only Jesus can bring.

## **SPIRITUAL INFANT** (John 3:3-8)

You've surrendered your life to Christ, you're a new believer, or you've been a believer for a long time, and you've simply stagnated in your spiritual maturity. Your primary concern is getting your own wants, preferences, and needs met.

#### **SPIRITUAL CHILD** (Galatians 4:19)

You're growing in your relationship with Jesus and other followers of Jesus. You're learning and applying God's Word to your life, and even though your concerns are primarily about yourself, you're allowing others to speak into your life to both encourage and challenge you as you follow Jesus.

#### **SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULT (1 John 2:14)**

There are some seismic shifts taking place in your life, from self-concern to focused on others. You're beginning to understand your role as a spiritual contributor, not just a consumer. You're applying the Word to your own life and also helping others apply it to theirs as well.

## **SPIRITUAL PARENT** (2 Timothy 2:2)

A spiritual parent is continually growing in their relationship with Jesus and reproduces spiritually mature disciples by intentionally investing in others who will continue the discipleship chain.