

The Evangelical Covenant Church

Dear Pastor,

We've designed ***Season to Grow*** to guide your congregation into a six-week intentional emphasis on spiritual growth. This manual is to be used primarily by the director of your 6-week journey. It contains essential pieces to be passed along to other church leaders as well. But before you give it away, read through the Garden Plan to get an overview.

Your first step, then, will be to recruit a **Season Director** who will:

- Organize the entire 6-week series
- Invite team leaders to participate
- Coordinate the contributions of others
- Meet with you and your church leaders (board/council/leadership team) to assure church-wide involvement
- Encourage, encourage, encourage all volunteers!

Your next step is to think creatively as you align sermon topics and worship plans with the Season, using notes and ideas we've provided. You serve as a champion for spiritual growth from the pulpit and any other means of influence available to you as spiritual leader of the church.

A word about small groups...

Season to Grow offers a great opportunity to launch a small group ministry. Because each week's sermon is aligned with the focus of small group learning, transformation potential is maximized.

If you already have small groups formed, consider extending a fresh invitation to join – or add a few new groups. Encourage use of the Small Group Guidebook for the six weeks of *Season to Grow*.

It is my prayer that your *Season to Grow* experience will increase your own capacity for spiritual growth and facilitate even more effectiveness as a disciple-forming congregation.

With you on the journey...
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