





LEVEL UP Godliness



The invitation of Jesus is to grow, to expand—to level up, but we have to be careful we don't substitute that for some nasty form of holier-than-thou self-righteousness. Yes, we are called, equipped and expected to grow, but never at the expense of other people. This week, we will explore what it means to grow in true godliness—the kind of godliness Jesus reveals to us.

Day 1 Read 2 Peter 1:1-11




Hopefully, by now, you are starting to memorize this passage! Take note of all of the times “godly” is used. Write your own definition for it. What does it mean to grow in godliness? How have you grown in godliness over the last year?

Day 2 Read John 8:1-11

We read this passage at the beginning of the series, but Pastor Nick shared some new insights in his message from Sunday. What is something new that resonates with you from this text? Focus on the encounter from the perspective of the people with the rocks. How can you relate to them?

Day 3 Read Psalm 32




How can keeping silent about one's sin make it feel like their bones are wasting away? How do you relate to that? What does this psalm say about the power of confession?



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Day 4 Read 1 John 1:8-2:2



An advocate was essentially a defense attorney in the 1st century. Notice in this scene, the judge is actually the Father who sent the advocate in the first place. It seems the courtroom is rigged in favor of the guilty party. What does this say about God's grace and love toward us? What does this have to do with our "leveling up?"

Day 5 Read 1 John 3:19-24


Really ruminate on verse 20. Have you ever felt like your own heart was out to get you? Explain. How does this passage point us toward godliness?



Day 6 Read Luke 7:36-50

In the 1st century a woman with a reputation like the one this woman had was not permitted to eat in the same room as a man. What gave her the courage to do what she did? What are the differences between how Jesus saw and treated her versus the religious leaders? What does this teach us about godliness?

Day 7 Read Luke 18:9-14



Summarize the point of this parable in your own words. Leveling up isn't something we do at the expense of other people. How does this speak to that? How does this challenge you?

