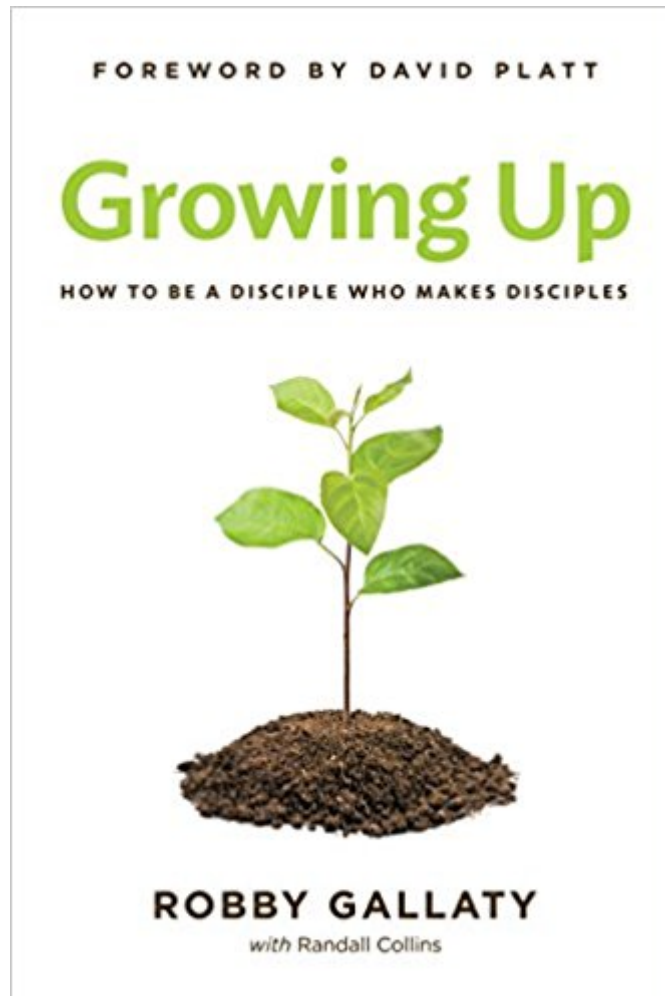




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Growing UP:How To Be A Disciple Who Makes Disciples



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Teaching Pastor, NewSpring Church

Campus Pastor, Liberty University

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Growing Up is a book filled with a lot of practical tips... that have already been shared in other books and previous seminars. There isn't very much that's new in here. If you are completely noob to spiritual growth, this may be an okay place to start (though there are just as good as, if not better, resources out there). In the Introduction, the author boasted the outcomes of his D-groups, expecting that his church would have over 1,000 people engaged by 2014. When I read that, I thought, "Awesome! There should be a lot of stories shared of how these D-groups have been effective for the hundreds of people in them!" After reading the book once and skimming it again, there may have been two (at the absolute most) stories of D-groups in his church. I was disappointed by that. Mostly, the stories are warmed over sermon illustrations and the thrust of the book is principle-focused, you-should-do-this kind of material. After re-reading my review, it may seem that I am a little harsh on the author. I don't mean to be. I am a church-starter who started a new movement that is focused solely on discipleship. For the three years before I started my church, I

read as much as I could on discipleship (well over 50 books) and spent 26 months discipling people one-on-one and in small groups. Since launching my church, I have read another 20+ books on discipleship and have spent the last 18 months discipling people with great results. Sadly (I have found), the majority of books boasting discipleship are written by professors who are not doing it, pastors who have just started their new programs, or simply top-level denominational pushes. I was excited to read this book because it seemed the author was also a practitioner. I do feel he is genuine in his love for God, his desire to see people come to the fullness of Christ, and his knowledge of the Scriptures. *Growing Up* may be a good book for spiritual disciplines. I do not feel this is the BEST book to help people get started on their journey into a lifelong commitment to making disciples.

Growing up is all about becoming. Becoming a disciple, and then becoming the disciple who makes disciples. You know, like Jesus said "make disciples." The instruction was not just to show up early and teach a Sunday school class, although that might be part of it. Jesus told the Apostles that they should go and do what they had seen him doing over the prior 3 years. Using a precise definition: intentionally equipping believers with the Word of God through accountable relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Christ" Gallaty sets out to help us understand that process. There's a lot more to being a Disciple, than saying a little prayer and showing up on Sunday. But too many of us get so caught up in the business of day to day life, that we forget the basics of making disciples. Gallaty reminds us of some of those things, and provides a process that can be followed. It seems counter-intuitive to think that there is a process that works in a wide variety of cases: we're so used to hearing that this is "just a model, it won't work for everyone", but a big part of what disciple making is all about is the idea that the person you help to become a disciple-making disciple can take the process you use and replicate it. He even offers an acronym for the process: C.L.O.S.E.R. for Communicate, Learn, Obey, Store, Evangelize, and Renew: H.E.A.R.ing from God. Every member of the Christ's Church should be all about making disciples. This book might just help many of us get there.

Last fall I discovered *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples*, written by Robby Gallaty. Gallaty reminds local church pastors and Sunday school teachers of the essential goal of our ministries, the goal established by our Lord, before his ascension. We preach and teach ultimately to make disciples, who make disciples. I have been teaching Christian education courses at a Christian university and seminary for 8 years, after serving as a missionary in France for 12

years. Throughout this time, I did not conscientiously correlate Christian education with discipleship. Gallaty has reminded me, with his book *Growing Up*, that the mandate for Christian education is to make disciple-making disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). I, therefore, have chosen Gallaty's book for a seminary Christian Education course, "Teaching for Discipleship," that I am teaching this spring. As Christian educators and pastors, the end of our ministries is not to teach and preach. The end of our ministries must be to make disciples, who make disciples. As teachers and preachers, Gallaty challenges us in *Growing Up* to recognize that our roles as teachers and preachers must vacillate between being an authority and being a guide and a facilitator in a classroom or Bible study. He also challenges us to remember that our teaching methodologies must be adapted in order to avoid rendering our learners as passive disciples and to see them as active participants in the teaching-learning process. In fact, they need to share in the teaching responsibility while being disciplined. Gallaty argues that discipleship best occurs in "D-Groups," small (3-5 people), closed, and gender-specific groups for the purpose of discipleship and not evangelism. The members in these groups experience intimate accountability and receive a model that is easy to replicate, when they make disciples. Multiplication, the goal of discipleship, occurs more easily. Gallaty provides the necessary steps for disciple making. He walks the reader through the process of teaching Christians how to pray, to interpret God's Word, to follow Christ as Lord, to meditate on Scripture, to witness to the unsaved, to develop the discipline of Bible study, and to disciple other Christians in these disciplines. As a local church pastor, Gallaty practices what he preaches. He does not limit himself to the exposition of God's Word through Sunday sermons. He follows his Master, who also disciplined people in smaller groups. Gallaty's goal is not to increase the number of Sunday morning sermon listeners. His goal is to replicate himself in the lives of other disciple-makers, who go out from the local church to make other disciple-making disciples. If this is your goal as a Christian educator or local church pastor, you will not regret purchasing *Growing Up* to learn how to serve Christ in obedience to his Great Commission. Everything that we are doing as teachers and preachers of God's word--sermons, Bible studies, and discipleship groups--is done in obedience to Christ's final command to make disciples, who make disciples.

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