

# Foundations

Leap Notes January 28, 2024

The Church Was Created to Grow!

## Launch

Opening Question: Share a personal experience or a story about Central church or another church you attended where you observed growth, either spiritually or numerically. What impact did that growth have on the community and individuals involved?

## Explore

According to the sermon, why is it essential for the church to grow both spiritually and numerically? How does the analogy of sports and winning relate to the mission of the church?

Read Matthew 16:18 - In this verse, Jesus mentions building His church. What does this construction involve, and how is it different from maintaining the church? How is Jesus continuously working to build the church?

Discuss the role of Satan in hindering the growth of the church. How does Satan attempt to interfere, and how does prayer play a crucial role in overcoming these obstacles?

Read John 15:16 - Explore the concept of Christians being appointed to go and produce lasting fruit, as mentioned in John 15:16. How does individual commitment to Christ's mission contribute to the overall growth of the church? Share examples from your own experiences.

## Apply

Considering the challenges mentioned in the sermon, how can you actively contribute to the growth of the church, both spiritually and numerically, in your personal life and community? Share a specific action or commitment you plan to make this week.

## Pray

Pray for each other as each of you takes practical steps to contribute to the growth of the church. Pray for everyone at Central Church to start or continue in their individual and collective responsibilities within the church community.