

# GROW Training Guides

MAKING DISCIPLES 101

## The GROW Secret

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  - c. **Cultivate**—Vibrant Bible Study Ministry
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“Let every member of the church become an active worker—a living stone, emitting light in God’s temple” (*Christian Service*, p. 62).

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