



## Growing Small {Andy Stanley}

### INTRODUCTION

There is an often-ignored principle that determines the quality and direction of our lives. While we are quick to recognize the importance of this principle in our children's lives, as adults, we feel like we can disregard it. However, the truth is that we are just as impacted by the power of this principle now, as we were when we were younger. Today, we will discuss how we can become intentional about harnessing this principle for our spiritual development.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who have been some of your best friends in life?
2. Read Proverbs 13:20. How have you seen this principle work itself out in your life?
3. Can you think of examples when your values shifted because of the people you spent time with?
4. Have you been intentional about choosing your current friends, or have you simply gravitated towards those who you felt accepted you?
5. When have you entered into structured relationships for the sake of progress (i.e. work, school)?
6. How can structured relationships help you progress in your spiritual development?
7. Read Hebrews 10:25. How high a priority have you made group attendance? Is there anything you could change to be more consistent?
8. When your current group multiplies, what is your plan for continuing to be involved in a group while at the same time making space for others to experience community?

### THINK ABOUT IT

How has your current state in life been affected by the people with whom you've spent time?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How will you become more intentional about harnessing the power of structured relationships for your spiritual development?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

“He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.” Prov. 13:20