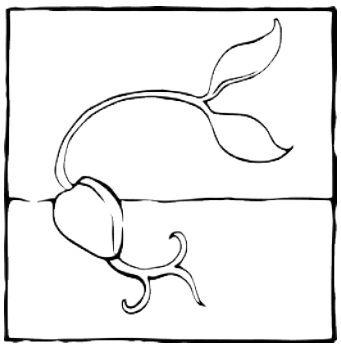
# How Disciples Grow

Those growing in discipleship (becoming more and more like Jesus) will have three phases of growth always happening in their lives. His disciples will:



## 1. _____

Making fresh insights into who God is, what He has said, and who God has made me to be. This is the picture of a seed that has germinated – the potential within it has sprung to life!

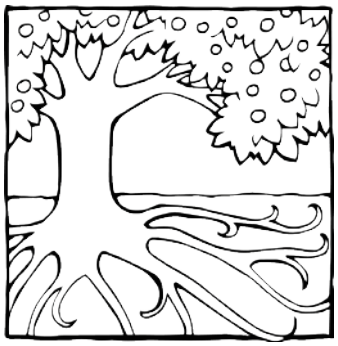
**1 Peter 1:23** For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.



## 2. _____

Maturing as a follower of Jesus to stand strong in challenging times. This is the picture of a plant that is putting down roots – this life won't be cut short when harsh weather arrives!

**Colossians 2:6-7** And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. **Let your roots grow down into him**, and **let your lives be built on him**. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught.



## 3. _____

Joining God on His mission to love people and redeem a broken world. This is the image of a strong and fruitful tree doing what it was created to do – bearing good fruit.

**Jeremiah 17:7-8** Blessed are those who **trust in the Lord** and have **made the Lord their hope and confidence**. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.