

MODULE 9: GROW

MODULE OBJECTIVES:

Refine Story of Change

Discover further opportunities to grow capacity for Changemaking.

Be sent out as Redemptive Changemakers.

Seed Tools: *Personal Development Planner, Redemptive Change Project Plan*

MODULE OVERVIEW:

This is the final module, an opportunity to pray over each other and commission one other to be Redemptive Changemakers. We begin by returning to the small groups we were in last time, to check in on what work of iteration and aligning was done between sessions. We then articulate our Stories of Change, explore further opportunities to grow our initiatives before finishing with a prayer to end the Changemaker Community journey.

MODULE BREAKDOWN:

- 9.1 Planner Check-ins
- 9.2 Your Imagined Future
- 9.3 Your Story of Personal Change
- 9.4 Opportunities for Growth
- 9.5 Prayer & Commissioning

Important Information for the Grower:

In this, the final module we will be checking in on any iterations that have occurred over our plans for Personal Growth and Redemptive Change. Then spending some time imagining a personal future before celebrating growth and stories of personal change before planning for future growth. This module concludes with a liturgical prayer to read together and over one another. Feel free to set time aside for small groups to pray together or to pray for each individual.

Grower Tips:

- Ask Participants to bring both their Personal Development Planners and Redemptive Change Project Plans to this session to speak to any changes that have happened since Module 8.



9.1 PLANNER CHECK-INS

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES



To begin this session, we want to check in on what changes you may have made to your Personal Development Planners and Redemptive Change Project Plans as a result of the sharing and feedback cycle we did in the last session.

In the same small groups, you were in last time, spend a couple of minutes each sharing what changes or updates you made to either or both plans.

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Connect—welcome participants to the session.



Read aloud the text above.



Invite people to rejoin the groups they were in for the last session, and share about any changes or alterations they made in response to the feedback and sharing.



9.2 YOUR IMAGINED FUTURE

SUGGESTED TIME: 15-30 MINUTES



In module four we imagined an alternate future for our contexts, one that was more aligned with story of God, one that brings unity, peace and justice to everything under the Lordship of Christ.

Now we want to take 10 minutes to prayerfully imagine what your life might look like in 5-10 years. Where are you, who is there with you, what roles are you serving in, what part are you playing in the unfolding story of Redemptive Change in your context?

Engaging our imagination is a key aspect of learning to see our realities the way God sees them. Learning to imagine in line with God's intent is a powerful force to help you see what might need to change now. When we lose the ability to imagine, we get stuck in the way things are.

Just as before, this activity is not aiming to lock in a concrete future that you must achieve. Don't try to dream up a road map for where you will be in 5-10 years. The future has an almost endless variety of possibilities that could be congruent with your purpose.

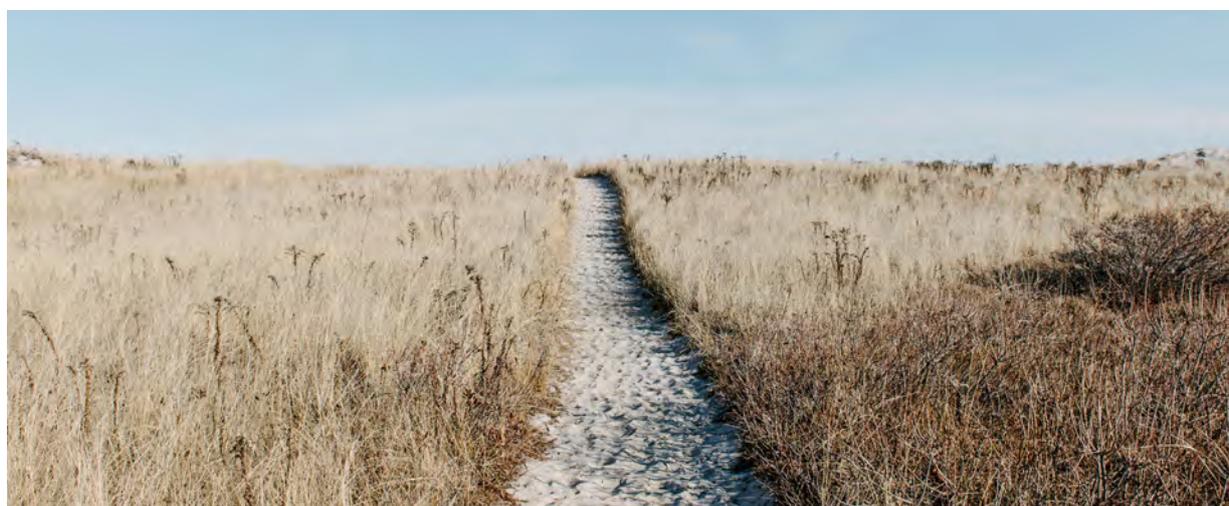
The point of using your imagination in this way is to open yourself up to future possibilities and good work (even outside your current context and comfort zones!) that God might be preparing you for. Once you are aware of how and where God might be leading you in the future, you can begin to embody who He has made you to be.

Capture a snapshot of what could be, ideally in pictures. The preference is that you draw or be creative by writing a letter from your future self or a news article about something you have achieved in 5-10 years. Being creative engages the imaginative parts of the brain and allows broader thinking. But there are no rules!



Begin with prayer and then consider the following questions:

- Who is there?
- Where are you?
- What change has been achieved?
Who has achieved it and how has it been achieved?
- How are the people you are serving feeling?
- What are the people you are serving saying?



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Read aloud the text above.

Remember that we usually give the timeframe of 5-10 years because it is far enough away for real change to occur but close enough to be recognisable.



Encourage participants to pray individually for the Holy Spirit to help them imagine a future for their context in 5-10 years. (Or pray together).



Invite participants to begin capturing their Imagined Future. They may want to spread out and find space to contemplate.



Ask participants to share what their Imagined Future looks like.

If time is a factor ask them to share in small groups or invite just one or two people to share with the whole group.



9.3 YOUR STORY OF PERSONAL CHANGE

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

Take some time to reflect on your journey so far.



Then attempt to complete this sentence:

Before this journey [I was ...] **but because of** [feature(s) of the Changemaker Community]
I now [am/have statement].

**You may want to complete more than one sentence.*

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Invite people to spend some time reflecting on their journey so far. Time permitting, you may want to invite people to share their responses with the group.



9.3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

SUGGESTED TIME: 5-10 MINUTES

PLAN FOR GROWTH

What further iteration and opportunities for growth will you commit to in the coming weeks and months?



Who will you share this journey with for accountability?



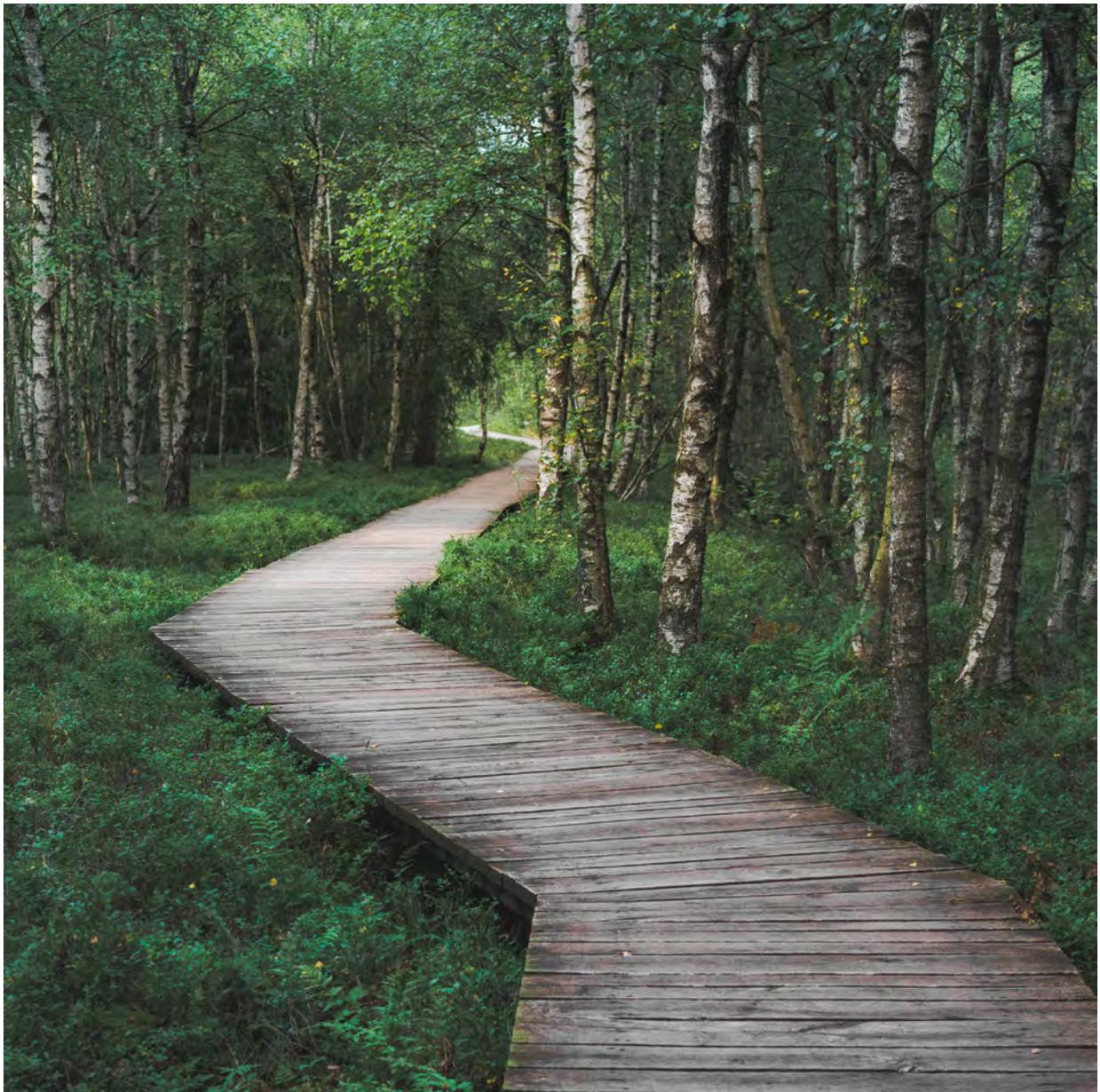
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Invite people to actively plan for future growth by briefly considering the questions above.



9.4 PRAYER & COMMISSIONING

SUGGESTED TIME: 30-60 MINUTES



Prayer for Grower and Participants to say together over one another:

GROWER: May you have the confidence to join God in the places He is already working rather than feeling responsible for bringing the change.

ALL: May love be stronger in us than fear of being rejected.

GROWER: May your hope for your context and for others never be lessened by personal disappointments.

ALL: May our disappointments lead to unwavering hope for the renewal of all things.

GROWER: May you continue to seek ways to participate in the unfolding story of redemption.

ALL: We ask God to guide us, grant us wisdom and direction, counsel from the Holy Spirit, so that we may continue to participate in God's story.

ALL: Amen.



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Pray for one another and commission one another as Redemptive Changemakers.

Time permitting, you may like to spend time praying for each individual in a group or return to the small groups and invite them to pray over each other, finishing with the Commissioning Prayer above.

Thank you

for your commitment to discipling those in your community and leading them through the Redemptive Change Process. We appreciate your time and effort in implementing the design and formation process in your community.

FEEDBACK

We would love to hear from you about your experience with our Redemptive Design process and specifically in the format of a Changemaker Community. We are intent on learning so we can more effectively serve you, the Growers and Changemakers, bearing witness to the redemptive story of Jesus.

Let us know your thoughts! Email us at info@seed.org.au

