

2. Christ's desire is for husbands and wives to grow in intimacy, companionship, and community. Likewise, His desire is for the church to grow in the same way.
 - a. What things work against this goal in marriage?

 - b. How do these same difficulties hinder this sort of growth in churches?

 - c. Read 2 Peter 1:3-8. What personal strategies does this text provide to help us surrender to Christ as He grows our church in these areas?

3. As we studied last week, the purpose of churches is to declare the glory of God to the world. How does the community experienced in churches help or hinder that purpose?