John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rom 6:5-7

- 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,
- 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
- 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Matt 13:27-28

"So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field?

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How Does God Give Growth?

1 Cor 3:6-7

- 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
- 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

Mark 4:26-28

- He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.
- Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.
- All by itself the soil produces grain-- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.
 - Church growth is like an organism
 - Organisms multiply growth
 - Growth takes place all by itself
 - Growth is produced by healthy organisms
 - Growth produces more organisms

All we have to do is plant and water.

The rest takes care of itself!

Matt 4:18-20

- And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
- 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Acts 2:38, 41

- Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...
- Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 8:1,4

- Now Saul was consenting to his [Stephen's] death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

Does God Want Growth Now?

Matt 9:37-38

- Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

John 4:35

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Matt 28:19-20

- 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

John 1:35-39

- 35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.
- 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"
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What is Planting and Watering?

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John 1:40-43

- One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).
- And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

43 "Follo	The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, w Me."

How Does God Give Growth?

- God's people relate to others
- Spiritual information is passed
- God opens their minds to understand it
- They commit to follow God

 God chooses them to be a part of his Church.