

10%

10% really doesn't seem like much. To add 10% to a dollar you'd only need another dime. If you can do 10 push-ups, adding another 10% would take only one more. A church of 100 people would only have to add three families to grow by 10 people (10%). If that church grew by 10% every year, it would only take seven years to be a church of 200. Most churches never get that big because they don't understand the value of consistent, incremental growth.

What if you committed to growing your spiritual life by 10% this summer? What if you got 10% better at having devotional time with God? What if you prayed 10% more? What if your church attendance were 10% more consistent? What if you were 10% more patient? What if you were 10% better at inviting people to church?

Lots of us get a bit lazier in the summer when it comes to the faith life. We fill our lives with lots of things and sometimes God gets shorted. What if this summer were different for you? What if you deliberately kept thinking, "I choose the 10%"? I know it doesn't seem like much but don't underestimate the value of consistent, incremental growth.

What does a Christ-Follower Look Like?

I'm not talking about height or weight or hair color or clothing style. The question has to do with what we do and how we think and what we value!

The first two weekends of June I'll be picking at the theme, "The Marks of a Disciple." I don't know what your schedule looks like this summer, but I really hope you will make a point to be in church those two weeks. After that, we'll dig into a study of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. I think you'll find it challenging.

Whether you're 5'1" or 6'5", your life should reflect Christ! I hope I see you in church.

I Wish I Could Make the Decision for You

Every once in a while an opportunity comes along which is *so good* I wish I could make the decision for you..."Sign me up, I'm going!" One of those events is coming to Heritage on August 11 & 12. We will be a live simulcast site for the **Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit**.

Willow has been one of the key influential churches for Heritage over the last 25 years. The Leadership Summit is one of the greatest teaching events that is available in the world. The speaker roster includes some of the greatest church leaders in the world. Lots of conferences do that. What makes the Summit unique is that the speaker roster also includes some of the greatest minds from the business and corporate world. This is the kind of thing you could invite a co-worker to. This is the kind of event your whole office could attend.

Because of our relationship with Willow, you can attend for only \$75 if you use our church code. This is a massive savings over the regular price! To register, go to <http://willowcreek.com/events/leadership/> and use the password 2011GLS to receive the special rate of \$75 for Heritage attenders only. *This price is valid until July 26 and then will go up to \$105.* The Leadership Summit simulcast will be held at the Rock Island campus.

God is at work at Heritage!

