

The Comparison Trap

“ How to Know if You've Gone too Far ”

1. When We Move from Satisfaction to Dissatisfaction

2. When We Always Have to Win

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK!

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Matthew 20:1-16

- How would you feel if you were one of the workers who were hired first? Who were hired last?
- Do you think what the landowner did was fair? How do you react when things don't seem fair?
- How does your gratitude and thankfulness become impacted by the idea of fairness?

TUESDAY // Read Matthew 20:1-16

- What does this parable tell us about the landowner?
- What can we learn about the Kingdom of Heaven through this parable?
- What can we learn about Jesus through this parable?

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 20:1-16, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- The workers who were hired first had their satisfaction in their wage turn to dissatisfaction when they compared their pay to those hired later. How do you struggle with comparison to others impacting your satisfaction?
- What steps do you take to not fall into the trap of comparison?
- What does 1 Corinthians 12 teach us about comparison and value in God's eyes?

THURSDAY // Read Mark 10:35-45

- What do you make of the request of James and John and then the response of the other 10?
- Where in your life have you seen people 'lord things over / exercise authority over' people?
- Where in your life do you work to not 'lord things over' people you interact with?

FRIDAY // Read Philippians 2:1-11

- How does this example of Christ shape our view of ourselves and others?
- Where in our life do we need to seek the interest of others?
- How can we practically live the call of Jesus to be people who seek to be last instead of first?

SATURDAY // Reflection Questions – Take Time Today To Rest + Reflect

- How does comparison rob your joy?
- Where in your life do you need to grow in gratitude and thankfulness for how God has blessed you?
- Where in your life can you set your own agendas aside with your family? your friends? your coworkers?

MEDITATION VERSE: *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:4