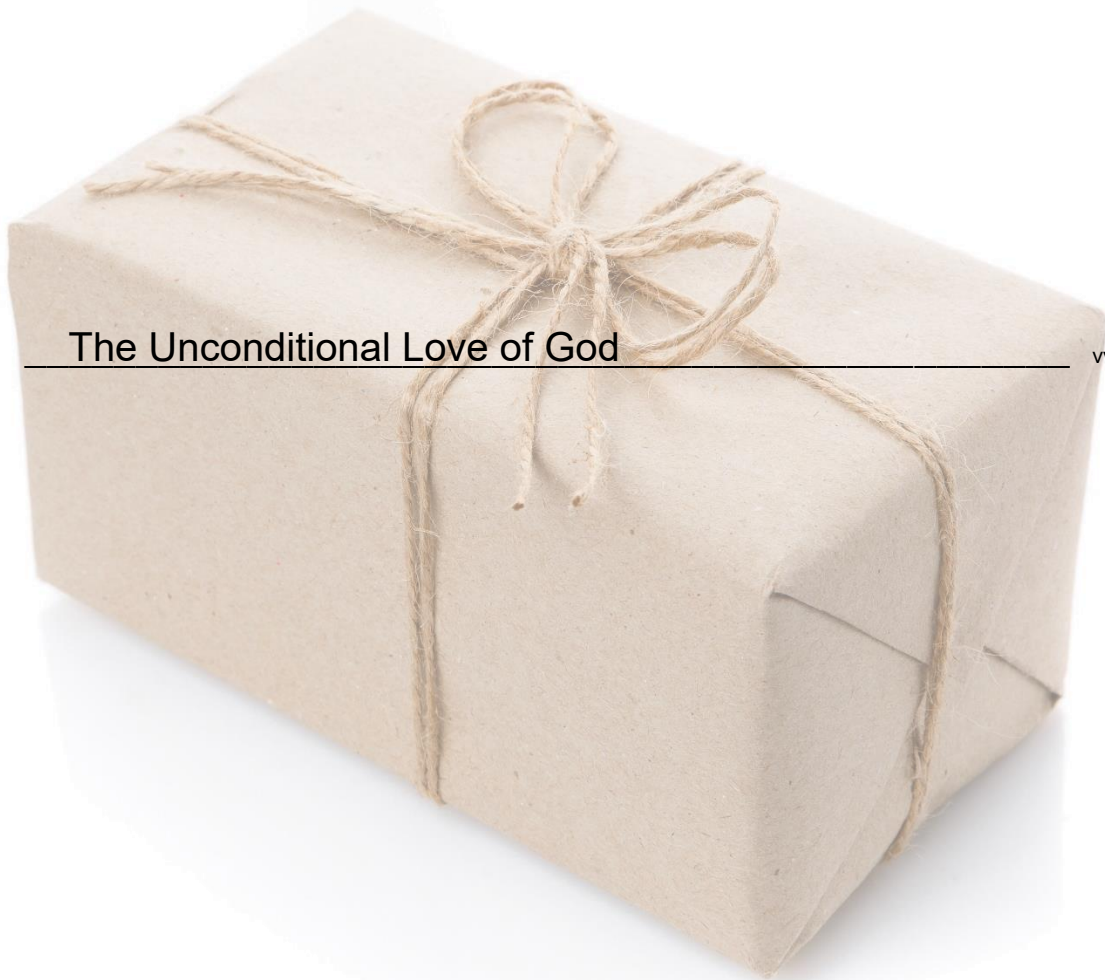


## Benefits Package

“ What's Included When You Become a Christian ”

1. Eternal Life w. 1-10

2. The Unconditional Love of God w. 11-13



# 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/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read John 10:1-10. Why do you think Jesus used a sheep/shepherd allegory to present the benefits of the Gospel?
- What is the function of a door in a sheepfold? How does this relate to Jesus and being "saved"? Be specific.
- In what way is Point #1 the primary benefit of becoming a Christian? Share how you walked through the door.

### Point #2

- Read John 10:11-13. Explain what Jesus was highlighting by calling himself the "good" shepherd.
- In what way is this different than a "hired hand"? What does this imply about value? How does Point #2 relate?
- How does this challenge a typical view of God? (e.g., judge, punishment, etc.) How does Point #2 adjust you?

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## 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](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read John 10:1-6, Psalm 23, 79:13, 80:1, 100:3**

- Why would an allegory about sheep and a shepherd have been familiar to those listening to Jesus?
- What would have been the spiritual application from an Old Testament perspective? Be specific.
- Why would the crowd have not understood the application Jesus intended? (c.f., v. 6). What does this teach you?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 10:7-10, 14:6, Matthew 7:7-8, Revelation 3:7-8**

- Explain the function of a door as it relates to a sheepfold. Why is this necessary and what does it provide?
- What spiritual truth was Jesus teaching by referring to himself as the door? How does "abundant life" relate?
- In what way is this the central truth & benefit of the Gospel? How does this encourage you to walk through the door?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 10:10, Jeremiah 23:1-2, Matthew 21:13, 23:13, 15, 25**

- Given a sheepfold door protects the sheep, how might Jesus have been contrasting the Pharisees to Himself?
- How were the Pharisees spiritually stealing and destroying? Give an example. Why is this important to recognize?
- How can this same thing happen today? What does this highlight about the benefits of becoming a Christian?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 10:11-13, 3:16, Mark 10:45, Romans 5:7-9**

- Why did Jesus refer to himself as a "good" shepherd? In what way was this different than a "hired hand"?
- Why is this important to understand when it comes to a New Testament perspective of God? How is it a benefit?
- What typically happens if this isn't understood? How does this challenge or adjust your perspective about God?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 10:11, 15:13, 1 John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9**

- In what way is a shepherd who "lays down his life" for his sheep unusual? What is implied about value?
- Given that Jesus willingly died on the cross for you, what does this highlight about His value for you?
- How is this truth different than most religions today? (i.e., legalism) Take some time and thank Jesus right now.

### **SATURDAY // Read John 10:1-13**

- As you read and ponder this allegory, what specifically stands out to you and why? (e.g., door, hired hand, etc.)
- How does it encourage and/or challenge you? In what way does it highlight the benefits of Christianity for you?
- Take some time to pray right now, asking God to show you where you have possibly overlooked these benefits.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11*