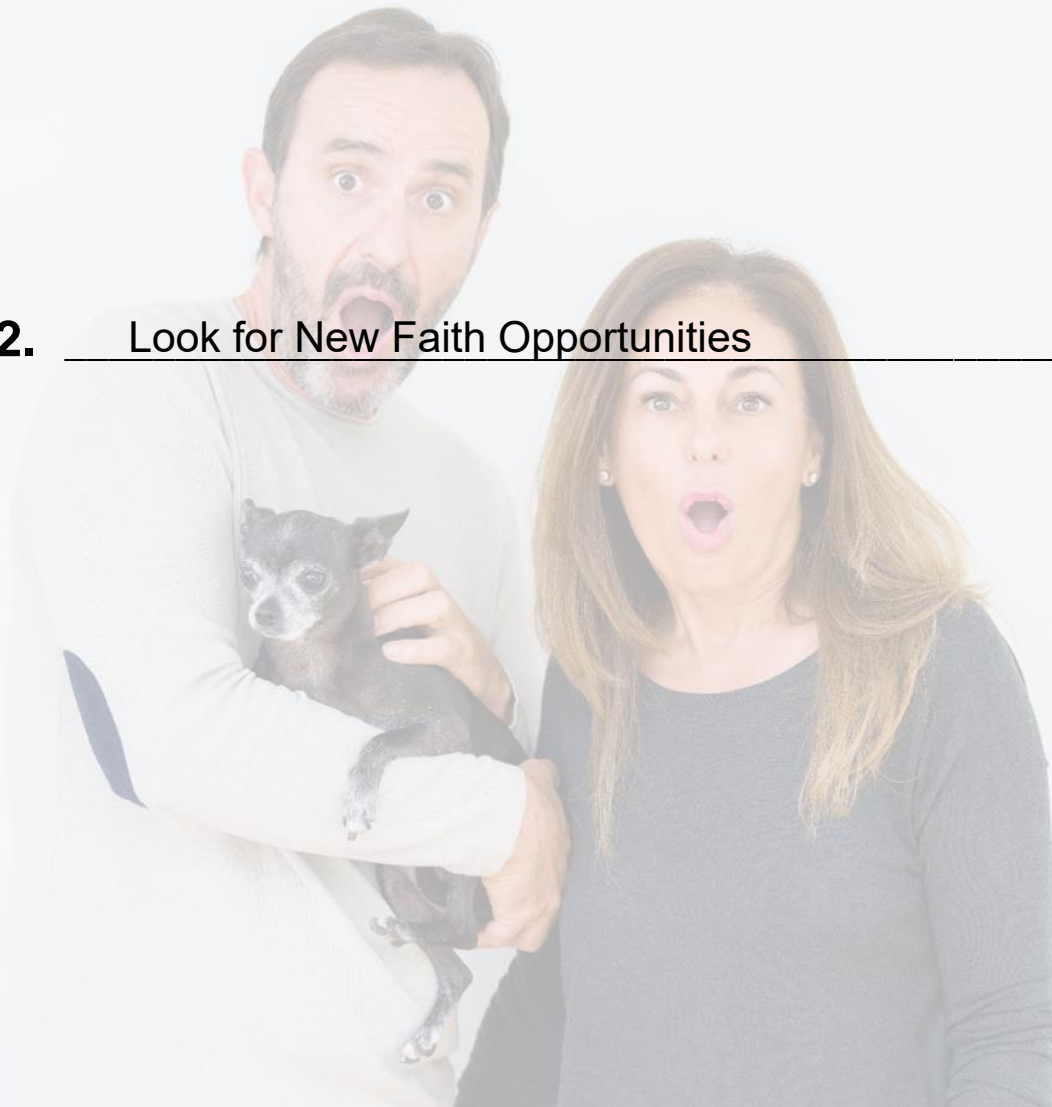


## Calm Down

“ How to Respond When Life Gets Challenging - Part 2 ”

1. Stay Centered on Jesus vv. 7-10

2. Look for New Faith Opportunities vv. 11-16



# 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.

## GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

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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 11:7-8, 8:53-59, 10:22-31

- What do you know about the risk Jesus would have to take going to help Lazarus? Be specific.
- How did the response of the disciples demonstrate smart and strategic thinking? How would you have responded?
- In what way did Jesus respond? Why? What does this highlight about looking to God in challenging times?

### TUESDAY // Read John 11:7-10, 1:9, 3:19-21, 8:12, 9:5, Psalm 119:105, Philippians 4:6-8

- Explain what Jesus meant by "12 hours in a day", "light", and "darkness". How does stumbling relate?
- Why is this important for every Christian to understand when facing challenging times? Be specific.
- Describe a challenging time you are currently facing. What are some specific ways you can apply this truth?

### WEDNESDAY // Read John 11:7-10, Matthew 14:22-31a, 2 Corinthians 10:5

- How did Peter succeed as long as he kept his eyes on the Lord? What happened when his focus changed?
- In what way does everyone have a choice of focus during challenging times? Give an example.
- What has been your experience with this truth? How is God encouraging you to change your focus today?

### THURSDAY // Read John 11:11-14, 1 Kings 2:10, 11:43, Daniel, 12:2, Acts 7:60, 1 Cor. 15:51, 1 Thess. 4:13

- What did Jesus mean by saying Lazarus is "sleeping"? What does this imply about the permanence of death?
- Given "sleeping" was a common term among Jews for death, why do you think the disciples missed it?
- What does this highlight about faith during challenging times? How does this help adjust your perspective?

### FRIDAY // Read John 11:4, 15, 2 Corinthians 12:8-19

- What was the ultimate reason why Jesus delayed going to Lazarus? Why would the disciples have easily missed it?
- What does this highlight about faith opportunities during challenging times? How can this be achieved? Be specific.
- In what way have you experienced this truth? How might this apply to a current challenge you are facing?

### SATURDAY // Read John 11:7-16, Hebrews 11:6-11, 17-34

- Explain why the disciples struggled with Jesus' response to hearing about Lazarus. How does this relate to faith?
- Why will faith always be an area of growth for Christians? Why will it relate to challenging times? (c.f. Heb. 11)
- What steps of faith is God challenging you to take? (i.e., practically, relationally, emotionally, etc.) Be specific.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>9</sup>... "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

John 11:9-10