

Curve Ball

“ How to Avoid Misreading Jesus Working in Your Life ”

1. Remember Pride Will Get in the Way vv. 9-11

2. Practice Patience vv. 12-16

3. Keep Things in Context vv. 17-19



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 John 12:9-11, Exodus 12:1-20

- Describe the focus and the meaning of the Passover festival. How does it relate to the sacrifice of Jesus?
- What does this highlight in terms of messaging, given Jesus picked this time to publicly present himself?
- How was this a curve ball to the priests? What was their response? What does this teach you about misreading Jesus?

TUESDAY // Read John 12:9-11, Genesis 3:1-7, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- In what way did the religious leaders respond out of pride when Jesus was getting more and more popular?
- How did this cause them to miss Jesus working and His message? What does this teach you about your pride?
- Why will this always be an issue that God wants to work on in your life? How might that be happening today?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 12:12-15, Psalm 118:25-27, Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 27:20-23

- What were the expectations of the Passover crowd regarding Jesus? How did Jesus present himself as a King?
- What ultimately was the misread on behalf of the crowd? What does this highlight about personal agendas?
- How might your personal agenda be getting in the way of seeing God working in your life this week? Be specific.

THURSDAY // Read John 12:16, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- Why did it take Jesus rising from the dead for the disciples to fully understand what they had been taught?
- What does this imply about spiritual growth and time? How does the Parable of the Soils relate to this truth?
- In what way could impatience be preventing you from spiritual growth? How can you prevent this from happening?

FRIDAY // Read John 12:17-19, 11:14-16, Ephesians 3:20-21

- Describe the mindset of the priests after seeing the crowd excited about Lazarus and Jesus. How was it exaggerated?
- Given that Jesus had no intention of taking power as a political king, how did they take the situation out of context?
- Why will "making a mountain out of a molehill" create spiritual problems? How can you do a better job of this?

SATURDAY // Read John 12:9-19, Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-42

- As you read the other Palm Sunday accounts, list what is similar and what is different. Be specific.
- What is specific and unique to John's account? What does this highlight about an author's purpose and intention?
- How does this help you better understand God's message for you? How is God adjusting you this week?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.*

John 12:16