

## Church Check

### “How to Keep PCC Spiritually Healthy”

#### 1. Make Others the Priority

vv. 31-35

#### 2. Work on Knowing Yourself

vv. 36-38



# 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 13:31-35. As Jesus told the disciples He was leaving, why do you think He told them to love each other?
- How should this relate to being a healthy church? In what way does Point #1 adjust the way you've viewed church?
- How does this challenge your perspective on evangelism? What are ways you can step into Point #1 at PCC?

### Point #2

- Read John 13:36-38. Why do you think Peter was so insistent on going with Jesus? (e.g. fear, sadness, etc.)
- How did Jesus respond? In what way does this relate to Point #2? Why is this important within the context of a church?
- Why will Point #2 always be a personal challenge? How can your Grow Group help you grow in this area? Be specific.

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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 Leviticus 19:18, John 13:2-5, 12-15, 31-34, 1 John 3:11, 23, 4:21**

- What does the O.T. teach about loving one another? (Lev. 19:18) Why did Jesus call it a "new" command?
- In what way did Jesus demonstrate a new approach by washing the disciples' feet? Be specific.
- Given this is the ultimate goal for every Christian, what does this imply about a church? How does this adjust you?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 13:34, Romans 12:10-18, Gal. 5:13, Eph. 4:2, 32, Col. 3:13, 1 Thess. 5:11**

- As Jesus was essentially telling His disciples goodbye, what was He anticipating by telling them to love each other?
- In what way did the Apostle Paul tell the 1<sup>st</sup> century churches the same thing? (e.g. "one another's")
- What does this highlight about the requirement for today's churches? How can you be part of this effort at PCC?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 13:34, 1 Corinthians 12:14-26**

- How does the body illustration used in 1 Cor. 12 demonstrate how a church should work together? Be specific.
- What is the ultimate purpose for using spiritual gifts within the church? How does this relate to loving one another?
- How are you using your spiritual gifts at PCC? How is God prompting you to step into Team PCC?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 13:35, 1 John 3:10, Matthew 5:14-16, 25:31-46**

- When you think of effective evangelism today, what do you picture? How did Jesus picture effective evangelism?
- In what way do you think Christians and churches today have confused the issue? Give an example.
- What are some specific ways you think PCC can be more evangelistic according to Jesus? How will you help?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 13:38, Matthew 26:31-35, Mark 14:29, Luke 22:31-34**

- Why did Jesus tell the disciples they couldn't go where He was going? Why do you think Peter wanted to go?
- Given Peter's overconfidence, what does this reveal about his self-awareness? How did Jesus address it?
- What does this reveal about unhealthy spiritual patterns? How can this happen in the church? How can this be avoided?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 13:36-38, Romans 7:18-20**

- Compare and contrast Peter's self-awareness with the Apostle Paul's and describe what is the same or different.
- What does this highlight about the importance of knowing yourself? Why will this always be a challenging topic?
- How will Christians who work on knowing themselves lead to a healthy church? What practical steps will you take?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
John 13:34-35