

The Harvest

“ How to Achieve Personal Spiritual Growth ”

1. Recognize It Won't Always Feel Good vv. 1-3

2. It Requires Putting Forth Effort vv. 4-6



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.

Point #1

- Read John 15:1-3. What is the spiritual difference between a good branch and a bad branch? How does Judas relate?
- Why will pruning be necessary for spiritual growth? What does this imply about struggles? How does Point #1 relate?
- In what way might God be using a current struggle in your life for spiritual growth? How does Point #1 help?

Point #2

- Read John 15:4-6. What does it mean to "abide"? Why is it important to see that Jesus used "in me" multiple times?
- What will happen over time when abiding is taking place? How does this also highlight Point #2?
- As you look at your life over the past few months, what is God showing you about Point #2? Be specific.

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 15:1a, Psalm 80:8-9, Isaiah 5:1-7, Jeremiah 2:21-22, Hosea 10:1

- In what way was Jesus using a relevant illustration to teach the disciples about spiritual growth? (i.e., Israel the Vine)
- What did Jesus mean by claiming to be the "true" vine? How would this have challenged the disciples?
- Give an example of how other vines can creep into Christianity today. How does this help warn you?

TUESDAY // Read John 15:1-3, 13:10-11, Romans 8:1, James 2:17-26

- As you compare and contrast a good branch to a bad branch, what is the primary difference?
- In what way was Jesus also comparing Judas to the other disciples? How would this have been helpful?
- How can this truth be misunderstood today by an imbalanced view of God's grace? How does this help balance you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 15:1-3, Hebrews 12:7-13

- Why will pruning always be necessary when caring for a vineyard? What can happen if this isn't done?
- Explain how that relates to spiritual growth in the Christian life. What does this also imply about struggles?
- In what way does this perspective help you walk through a current struggle? Be specific. How might it be a pruning?

THURSDAY // Read John 15:4-6, Matthew 3:8-10

- What should essentially happen over time when healthy spiritual growth is taking place? (Hint: "much" fruit)
- What is required in order for this to take place? Be specific. Why is it more than going to church or being involved?
- As you look at your life over the past few months, what is God showing you about spiritual growth? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read John 15:4-5, Matthew 13:1-9

- As you read the Parable of the Sower, what is the difference between being excited about Jesus & spiritual growth?
- How does timing relate? What does Jesus' vineyard illustration also imply about timing for spiritual growth?
- As you look back at your life this past year, what spiritual growth do you see? What does this teach about abiding?

SATURDAY // Read John 15:2a, 6, Matthew 3:8-10, 13:24-30

- What is the same or different about the two illustrations Jesus used regarding judgment? (i.e., weeds/branches)
- In what way was this a sobering truth as it relates to Judas and the disciples? How is the warning to everyone?
- What does this also teach about simply being involved in Christianity or abiding in Jesus? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: *⁵¹I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.* **John 15:5**