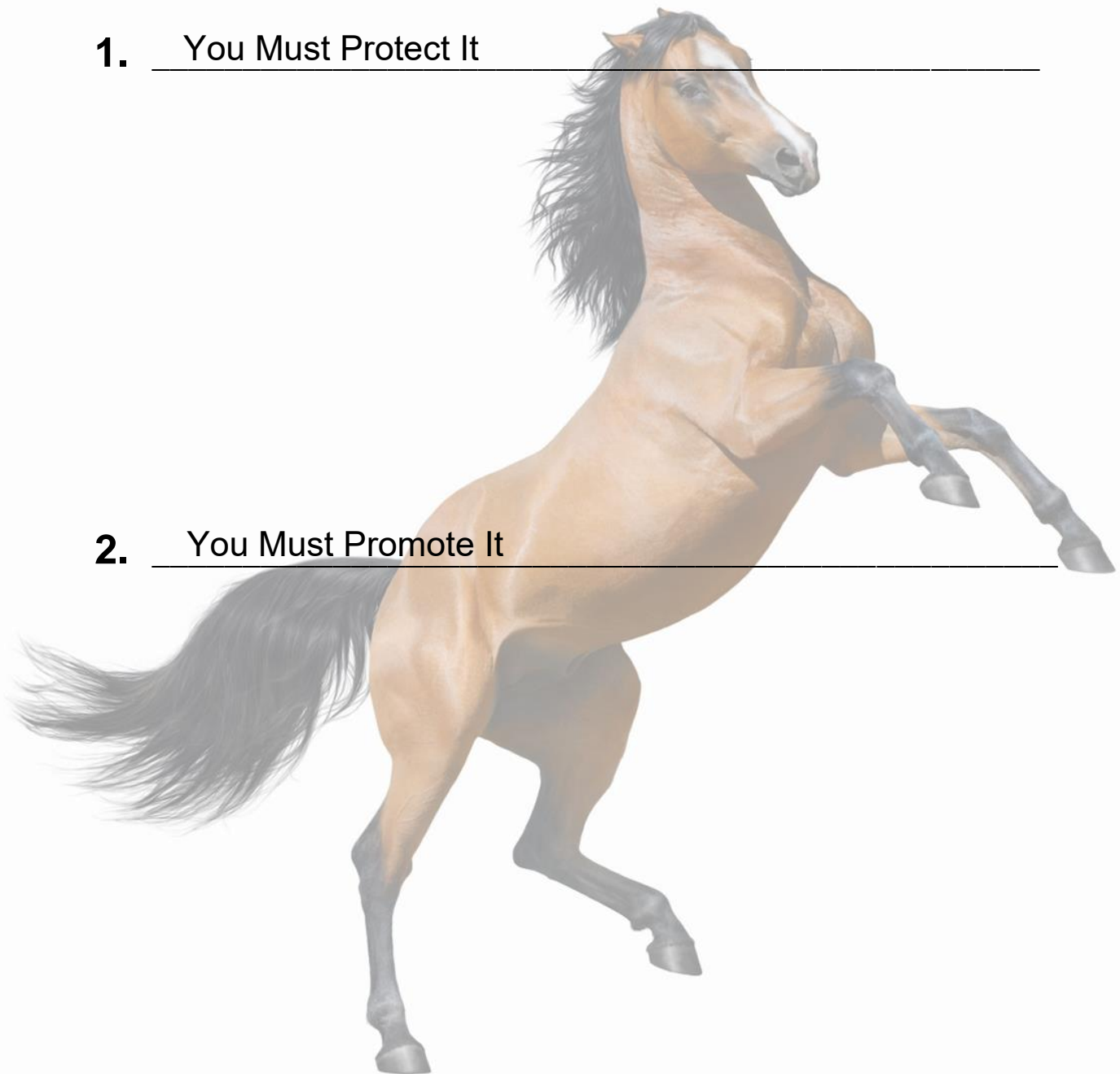


Spooked?

“ How to Experience Peace When Life Gets Scary ”

1. You Must Protect It

2. You Must Promote It



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 Luke 1:26-30, Matthew 2:20-22, John 14:27. Why did the angel warn everyone not to be afraid?
- In what way does this seem to contradict Jesus' promise of peace? How does Point #1 resolve the issue?
- How would you rate your peace factor this Christmas? How does this encourage you to step into Point #1?

Point #2

- Read Matthew 5:9. Explain the difference between experiencing God's peace and being a "peacemaker".
- Why is this distinction important? How does Point #2 relate? Why will promoting peace help with fear?
- In what way can peacemaking be both relational and spiritual? How can you step into Point #2 this week?

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 Luke 1:26-30, 2:8-10, Matthew 1:20-22, 2:13-15 / Advent: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

- As you review the Christmas story, list the ways it would have been a scary experience for those involved.
- How does the angel's interaction with Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds highlight this truth?
- What does this teach you about perspective in the midst of fearful times? How does this encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-9 / Advent: 1 Peter 3:8-11

- What did Jesus promise His disciples in John 14:27? Why? How did He also hold them responsible?
- How does this also relate to the Christmas story? Why is this important for Christians to recognize today?
- In what way does this promise and challenge apply to you? Take time right now to pray about it.

WEDNESDAY // Read Luke 1:30, Matthew 1:20, 10:27-28, John 14:27, 1 John 4:16-18 / Advent: John 16:33

- Based on today's reading, how do you see a distinction between worldly fear and godly fear?
- Why is this important for Christians to understand? How does this relate to God's gift of peace?
- How would you rate your peace factor this Christmas? How do you need to adjust your perspective?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, James 3:18 / Advent: Isaiah 26:3

- Explain the difference between experiencing God's peace and being a "peacemaker". What is promised?
- What does being a peacemaker reveal about your relationship with God? What does this reveal to you?
- In what way does this encourage you to be more intentional about peacemaking this Christmas?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, Ephesians 4:1-3 / Advent: Romans 12:18

- In what way will being a "relational" peacemaker require promoting peace to those around you?
- How is this often done? Be specific. What does this also highlight about the effort and work required?
- This Christmas, what are some steps you can take to become a better relational peacemaker?

SATURDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, Ephesians 6:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:23 / Advent: Isaiah 9:6

- How does Ephesians 6:14-15 describe a peacemaker? What does this highlight about spiritual peace?
- Why will promoting Jesus this Christmas be promoting peace? (i.e., Prince of peace)
- What are some ways you can be a spiritual peacemaker during the Christmas holidays? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."*

Matthew 5:9