

## Hurry Up!

“ How to Experience a Joy-Filled Christmas ”

**1.** Monitor Your Expectations

**2.** Intentionally Care for Others



# 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 Christmas 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 Luke 2:8-20 / Advent: Isaiah 12:6

- As you read the account of the Shepherds and the birth of Jesus, what emotions do you notice?
- Given this was the first Christmas, what expectations might the Shepherds have had about Jesus' birth?
- How did they ultimately respond? (c.f. v. 20) What does this reveal about Christmas expectations?

### TUESDAY // Read Luke 2:10-11, 1:26-29 / Advent: Luke 1:46-48

- Why would Mary have been troubled when she got the news of being pregnant with Jesus?
- In what way did the Shepherds have a very different response? Why? How did Mary's emotion change?
- As you anticipate celebrating Christmas this year, how might you need to adjust your perspective?

### WEDNESDAY // Read Philippians 4:10-13, 1 Timothy 6:6 / Advent: Luke 2:13-14, 20

- Why was Paul able to rejoice when writing to the Philippian church from a prison? What was his secret?
- In what way will discontentment rob someone of joy? How does this ultimately relate to expectations?
- How are you at risk of being robbed of joy this Christmas? How can you reduce your expectations?

### THURSDAY // Read John 15:10-12, Galatians 5:22-23 / Advent: Psalm 64:10

- As Jesus describes what it means to stay close to Him (abide), what is required? (John 15:10)
- What should it look like when abiding is taking place? How will Christians ultimately benefit?
- In what way does this relate to a joy-filled Christmas? How can you step into this promise today?

### FRIDAY // Read John 15:10-12, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 / Advent: Psalm 5:11

- What does Jesus present as being the secret to experiencing joy? Why is "as I have loved you" important?
- How can this be misunderstood especially at Christmas time? Give an example.
- In what way can you apply this truth to those around you during this holiday season? Be specific.

### SATURDAY // Read John 3:16, Mark 10:45, Luke 2:11, 1 John 4:19 / Advent: Psalm 16:11

- In what way is Christmas the ultimate demonstration of God's love for you and me? Be specific.
- How did the angels highlight this truth in Luke 2:11? What was the emotion that followed?
- How will loving others actually be spreading the message of Christmas? How does this encourage you?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11