

## Expectation Adjustment

“ How to Experience Personal Spiritual Growth - Part 3 ”

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**1.** Keep It Relational With Jesus vv. 13-15

**2.** Develop Your Prayer Life vv. 16-17



# 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 New Year's 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 John 15:9-13, 17, 13:14-15, 34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

- How did Jesus demonstrate the most important way to grow spiritually in the Christian life?
- Why would this have been challenging to the disciples? How is this challenging to you? Be specific.
- In what way will loving others always go beyond a feeling? Be specific. How will you apply this truth today?

### TUESDAY // Read John 15:13-15, 3:27-30, James 2:23, 4:1-4

- Explain the distinction Jesus makes between being a servant and being a friend. How are they similar and different?
- What does this also highlight about daily Christian living? (i.e., personal) How does this adjust your expectations?
- How would you rate your friendship with Jesus today? In what ways do you need to avoid a "servant" perspective?

### WEDNESDAY // Read John 10:14, 22-28, 15:13-15

- What was Jesus highlighting when he used a sheep/shepherd relationship to illustrate His relationship with you?
- How is this similar to being a "friend" of Jesus? In what way would this be a surprise to non-Christians today?
- Why is this important when it comes to spiritual growth? (i.e., religion vs. relationship) How does this adjust you?

### THURSDAY // Read John 15:16a, Matthew 4:18-20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 1 John 4:10

- In what way was Jesus trying to encourage the disciples when He told them "I chose you"? Be specific.
- Why did they need this reminder? How did this take place both practically and spiritually?
- When you consider this same truth in your life, how does it make you feel? Take time right now to thank God.

### FRIDAY // Read John 15:7, 16, Matthew 6:6-8

- Why would the prayer of a friend be different than a prayer from a servant? (i.e., John 15:16)
- Given God knows what you are going to ask in prayer, what does this highlight about the purpose of prayer?
- How often do you pray? Why? What practical steps can you take this week to develop a healthier prayer life?

### SATURDAY // Read John 15:16, Matthew 6:9-15, Luke 11:1-4

- Given all the miracles Jesus performed, why do you think the disciples only asked Him how to pray?
- What prayer principles are presented in Matthew 6:9? (e.g., your will be done) How does this relate to answered prayer?
- Take some time right now to use these principles in prayer. Allow for some silence and being still.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.* John 15:15