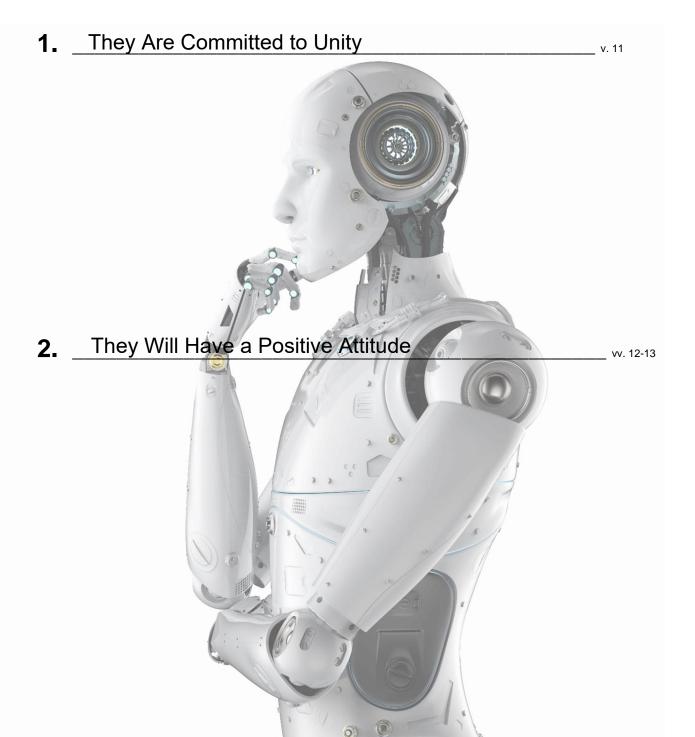


The A.I. Challenge





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.

<u>Point #1</u>

a) Read John 17:11. Given that Jesus prayed for the disciples' unity, what is implied will take place? Why?

- b) Why should Christians be different? (i.e., Holy Spirit) How does this relate to Point #1? Be specific.
- c) When you look at your Christian relationships, what do you see? How might God want you to step into Point #1?

Point #2

- a) Read John 17:12-13. Why did Jesus pray that the disciples would experience joy? How does this highlight Point #2?
- b) Why will non-Christians struggle with this? How do Christians have an advantage? (c.f. Galatians 5:22a)
- c) How would you rate your current attitude? In what way can a future focus help you experience Point #2?

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 17:11, 16:32, Romans 12:18, Ephesians 4:3

- What was Jesus praying for by asking the Father to "keep them in your name"? What does this imply about unity?
- Why would the disciples have needed this prayer? (c.f. John 16:32) Be specific. How does unity impact the Gospel?
- What does this say about multiple Christian denominations today? What has been your experience with this truth?

TUESDAY // Read John 17:11, Galatians 5:19-24

- Given division is listed with orgies and sexual immorality as fruits of the flesh, what does this highlight about unity?
- How does the Holy Spirit relate to unity taking place? (c.f. Gal. 5:22-23) What does this highlight about Christians?
- In what way does this adjust your perspective on conflict resolution with other believers? What steps will you take?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 17:11, Matthew 5:21-26

- In what way does Jesus put His prayer into action in Matthew 5:21-26? What does this highlight about priority?
- How is this different than most people would approach conflict resolution? (i.e., proactive vs. reactive)
- As you consider your struggling relationships, how might God want you to be proactive in bringing unity?

THURSDAY // Read John 17:12, 13:21-30, 6:60-65, Psalm 41:9, 109:4-13

- Even though Judas was an artificial Christian, what is implied that this wasn't revealed until the very end?
- Why do you think the disciples were surprised about Judas? Be specific. How can this happen today?
- In what way is this a warning for churches and Christians today? How is this a warning for you?

FRIDAY // Read John 17:12-13, 16:20, 15:11, Romans 15:13, Galatians 5:22a

- Why did Jesus pray that the disciples would experience joy? Why would this have felt like a contradiction?
- Even though life can be extremely challenging, how can a Christian still experience joy? (Hint: doesn't stay there)
- Given the second fruit of the spirit is joy (Gal. 5:22a), how is your joy factor? What is God revealing to you?

SATURDAY // Read John 17:13, Hebrews 12:2

- In what way did Jesus highlight the key to joy in how he looked at the cross? Be specific.
- Why will this be a challenge when times are tough? Why will the world not be able to experience this joy?
- What does this teach you about your current attitude and what you are focused on? How can you change?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. **John 17:11**