

## Best Practices

“ How to Reach Your Spiritual Potential ”

**1. Work Hard at Unity** vv. 20-23

**2. Practice Loving Others** vv. 24-26



# 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.

### Point #1

- Read John 17:20-23. How might the accolades of Palm Sunday prompted Jesus to pray for the disciples' unity?
- In what way will Point #1 be a powerful testimony for the Gospel in today's world? Give some examples.
- How does this adjust your spiritual priorities? As you consider your struggling relationships, how can Point #1 help?

### Point #2

- Read John 17:24-26. Why is loving others the most important practice in your walk with Jesus? (1 John 4:7-8)
- How can this get easily overlooked in the name of other spiritual disciplines? How has this happened to you?
- Review 1 Cor. 13:4-8 and share the areas of your life that God is prompting you to change. Be specific.

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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 17:20-21, 10:30-33, Matthew 26:57-66**

- Why did Jesus highlight the unity between Him and the Father in His prayer? (i.e., who was listening?)
- Given that Jesus has mentioned this truth multiple times to the disciples, what does this highlight? Be specific.
- In what way did the trial of Jesus also highlight this truth? Why is this important to recognize? (i.e., modeling)

### **TUESDAY // Read John 17:22-23, Luke 22:24-27, 19:29-38**

- Given Palm Sunday had already taken place, how might the disciples have been tempted to be competitive?
- In what way could this have prompted Jesus' unity prayer? Why will a competitive spirit always lead to division?
- How do you think Christians today have missed this important part of discipleship? How does this adjust you?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 17:20-23, Matthew 5:23-24, Ephesians 4:3-5, Galatians 5:19-20, Romans 12:18**

- Jesus prayed the disciples would be one so that others would "believe". What does this highlight about the Gospel?
- What does this also highlight about the value of unity? Why will unity always be a challenge and require effort?
- As you consider your struggling relationships, how is the gospel being represented? How do you need to change?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 17:24-26, 3:16, 1 John 4:7-8, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

- Why is love so important to Jesus? In what way does His prayer reflect this truth during passion week?
- Why should this be the most important practice for every Christian to engage in? (c.f., John 3:16)
- How would you rate your focus on loving others? Why? How does this redefine your "best practices" this week?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 17:26, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Matthew 22:36-40**

- Love can be a very confusing word based on emotions and how one feels. How does 1 Cor. 13:4-8 help?
- Why will loving others be a challenge? How does this also relate to unity? How can identifying self-love help?
- As you review the list in 1 Cor. 13:4-8, what specific areas of love do you need to work on today?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 17:26, Ephesians 4:14-16, Philippians 1:9-11**

- In what way has spiritual maturity been defined in today's Christian churches? Be specific.
- Where do you think "love" honestly lands on the list? Why do you think this has happened?
- Before this study, how would you have measured your spiritual growth? Be specific. What do you need to change?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.* **John 17:22-23**