

Fixer Upper?

“ Guiding Principles for Becoming a Beautiful Church - Part 2 ”

1. It Requires Accountability

vv. 6-7

2. Remember We Are All Sinful People

vv. 8-15



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 1 Timothy 1:6-7. How had the spiritual condition of the Ephesian church been damaged? (c.f. Acts 20:29-31)
- In what way does this highlight Point #1? Why will the lack of accountability or consequences in culture be a challenge?
- How are you helping or hurting PCC in this area of accountability? What are some steps you can take to apply Point #1?

Point #2

- Read 1 Timothy 1:8-15. Explain how the law is necessary in order for the Gospel to make sense. Be specific.
- Why is this important to understand when it comes to a beautiful church congregation? (i.e., Point #2)
- What can happen if this isn't continually emphasized? How has this happened to you? How does Point #2 help?

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 1 Timothy 1:6-7, Acts 20:29-31, 2 Peter 2:1-3

- What did Paul anticipate would happen to the Ephesian church? How did he make the elders accountable?
- In what way did they not seem to take the warning to heart? How did the Apostle Peter have the same concern?
- How is this also a warning to PCC today? Be specific. How does the warning help you see your accountability?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:6-7, Judges 21:25, Ephesians 4:11-13, 25

- What was the primary problem with the legalistic teachers in the Ephesian churches? (Hint: no accountability)
- What does this imply about self-appointed leadership within the church? Be specific.
- In what way has God provided a model for the church that will protect against damaging a congregation?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:6-7, Titus 1:5-9, 2:1-5

- Why did the Apostle Paul tell Pastor Titus to establish leadership within the church? What was he preventing?
- Why is this critical in becoming a beautiful church? What does this imply about people with authority problems?
- Explain how you see this taking place at PCC. How can membership also provide spiritual protection?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11, Exodus 20:12-17, Romans 1:19-20

- Given the false teachers in Ephesus were promoting legalism, how does the Apostle Paul adjust them?
- Why is the law important when it comes to the Gospel? What can happen if this isn't properly understood?
- When you think of obeying the law, what do you struggle with the most? How can this help you with pride?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:12-15, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:23-24

- Given that everyone is a sinner when compared to God, what does this highlight about a church congregation?
- Given the Gospel provides grace and mercy, what does this also highlight about a church congregation?
- Why is this important when we talk about a beautiful church? How do you need to adjust or fix your perspective?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 1:15, Matthew 7:1-5

- Why did Jesus instruct the Pharisees and crowd to check their own lives before correcting others?
- In what way can this also apply to Paul's instruction to Timothy and the Ephesian church? Be specific.
- Why will this be important in terms of accountability at PCC? How does this help and protect you?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*
1 Timothy 1:15