



## Worker Bee

“ What God Requires to Be a Church Deacon - Part 2 ”

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**3.** They Can Be Male or Female v. 11-12

**4.** They Must Continue to Spiritually Grow vv. 13



# 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

- a) Read 1 Timothy 3:11-12. Why would it be unique for there to be qualifications for a Deacon's wife? (i.e., not Elder)
- b) Given "wife" could be interpreted as "woman", how does it change things? How does Romans 16:1-4 help?
- c) Explain the two ways Point #1 could be applied. Be specific. How do you see this playing out at PCC?

### Point #2

- a) Read 1 Timothy 3:13. What will be the result of a Deacon who "serves well"? How does this relate to Point #2?
- b) Why is this important to understand? Be specific. In what way can a Deacon's role lose the spiritual focus?
- c) How can this ultimately impact the health of a church? How does Point #2 help you remember the focus?

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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 1 Timothy 3:11, Romans 16:1-4**

- Given the footnote in your Bible states "wives" could be interpreted as "women", how does this change things?
- In what way does Romans 16:1-4 help clarify two options for the role of a Deaconess? Be specific.
- How does this challenge or confirm your current view of a Deacon being either male or female?

### **TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:11, 5:14-15, John 8:42-44**

- In your own words, define "slander". Given the Bible defines slander as the "devil", what does this reveal?
- Why is this an important qualification for a Deaconess and wasn't mentioned for a Deacon? Be specific.
- Knowing that it is sinful to slander others, how is God speaking to you about the way you talk about others?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:2-10, 12, 1 Peter 5:1-4**

- When you compare and contrast the qualifications for an Elder with a Deacon, list what is different or the same.
- In what way does this relate to the different roles they play in the church? Why is this important?
- How does this also relate to accountability to the Lord? Explain how you see this happening at PCC.

### **THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:13, Matthew 13:18-23, John 15:5-8**

- What will be the result of a Deacon who "serves well"? What is implied about a Deacon who doesn't serve well?
- What does it mean to be in "good standing for themselves"? How does this also relate to a growing faith?
- In what way does the parable of the vine and branch illustrate this truth? Be specific.

### **FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:13, 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Matthew 25:14-30**

- How does the Apostle Paul describe the Christian life? (i.e., race) What is implied about winning and losing?
- How does the parable of the talents also highlight this same truth? How does this apply to the role of a Deacon?
- How would you rate your progress with Jesus? Be specific. What steps can you take to "serve well"?

### **SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

- As you review the overall Deacon qualifications, how far would you get in the vetting process? Be specific.
- What spiritual qualification would be the most challenging for you? How can this become a growth goal for you?
- In what way does this elevate your respect for PCC Deacons? How can this help PCC become a beautiful church?

<p><b>MEDITATION VERSE:</b> <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as Deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>1 Timothy 3:13</i></p>
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