



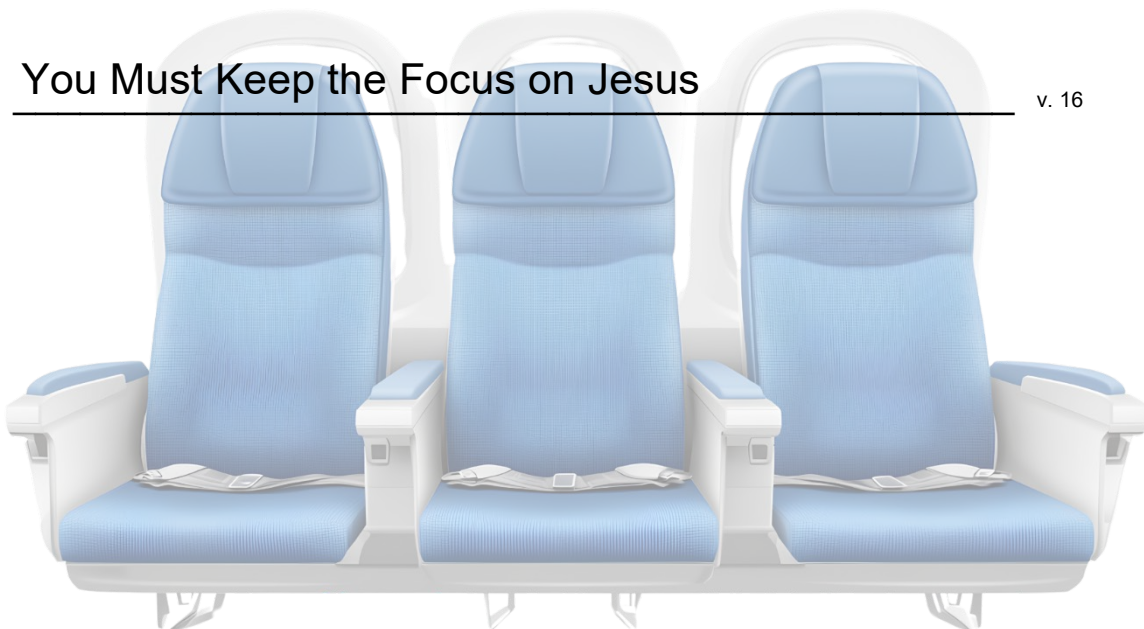
Membership

“ What God Requires When You Attend Church ”

1. You Must Be Committed to Obeying the Bible vv. 14-15a

2. Recognize It's a Spiritual Family v. 15b

3. You Must Keep the Focus on Jesus v. 16



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

- a) Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15a. How does Paul indirectly highlight Point #1 when it comes to guiding the church?
- b) Why is this important? What can happen if Point #1 isn't kept in check? Give an example. How does this help you?

Point #2

- a) Read 1 Timothy 3:15b. In what ways does Paul highlight the church as being a spiritual family? (i.e., household)
- b) How should Point #2 impact attendance, church hopping, relationships, conflict, etc.? How does this challenge you?

Point #3

- a) Read 1 Timothy 3:16. What does the "mystery of godliness" mean? Explain the six areas that relate to Jesus.
- b) How does this highlight Point #3? How can this priority get replaced with something else? How does Point #3 protect you?

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 3:14-15a, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12-13

- Why do you think Paul wanted to visit Timothy in Ephesus? What was his backup plan if he couldn't make it?
- How does this highlight the importance of God's word and guiding a church? Be specific.
- What can happen if this isn't the commitment of every member of a church? How does this truth help you?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15a, Hebrews 5:11-14

- In what way does the Hebrew writer rebuke long time church members? Be specific. Why is this important?
- What can happen if church members are not committed to the continual study and application of the Bible?
- Given how long you've been a Christian, how would you rate yourself? (i.e., milk, solid food) What will you do?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:15b, Ephesians 2:19-20, 1 Peter 2:4-5

- How would the illustration of a building have resonated with people living in Ephesus? (i.e., pillar, foundation)
- In what way does the church of the "living God" or "living stones" distinguish Christian churches?
- Given most people think of a building when they hear "church", how does this send a different message?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:15b, Romans 12:10, Galatians 5:10, Ephesians 3:15, 1 Peter 3:8

- How did Paul describe the church in terms of a spiritual family? How would this have been countercultural?
- In what way does this also define the relationships that should be taking place within churches today?
- What has been your experience at PCC? How does this also redefine your view of church membership?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:16, Colossians 2:1-2, John 1:14, 32-34, Luke 2:9-11, Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:9

- What does the "mystery of godliness" mean? Explain the six areas that Paul presents as relating to Jesus.
- What does this highlight about Jesus and the church? Why is this critical for every Christian to understand?
- In what way can this impact the health of a church? How have you seen this take place in your life?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:21-22, Hebrews 12:2, Matthew 5:14-16

- How does Paul illustrate the truth of 1 Timothy 3:16 in terms of a building? (Ephesians 2:21-22)
- In what way does the church only exist for Jesus? Why is this important for every church to keep in check?
- What are some ways you can get distracted from this truth? How do you need to keep yourself in check?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁶Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.*

1 Timothy 3:16