

## Can You Help Me?

“ Guidelines for a Godly Care Ministry - Part 1 ”

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1. Assistance Starts with Immediate Family vv. 3-4

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2. There Must Be Spiritual Accountability vv. 5-7

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# 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.

## GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

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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 5:3, Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 14:28-29, Isaiah 1:17

- What does it mean to "honor" a widow based on Old Testament practices? How is this the same as honoring parents?
- Why do you think God singles out widows for financial help? (i.e., Care Ministry)
- In what way can this also relate to a church caring for others beyond a widow? (i.e., Care Ministry)

### TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:3, Acts 6:1-7

- In what way did the early church demonstrate support for widows? How is this an example of 1 Tim. 5:3?
- What does this highlight about the role of a church and having a Care Ministry? Be specific.
- Describe what you know about PCC's care ministry. (e.g., meals, visitation, financial scholarships, etc.)

### WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16

- What does it mean to be "truly" a widow? How does this go beyond simply having a husband die? Be specific.
- Why is this important to remember when considering church support? What will be required to accomplish this?
- What trap can a church fall into by not applying these standards? How does this adjust your perspective on support?

### THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:5-7

- What does Paul highlight by mentioning a "true" widow again? How does it relate to the spiritual family (church)?
- What does this imply about the spiritual qualifications necessary to receive church support? Be specific.
- In what way will this take time to vet? What does this prevent from happening? Give an example.

### FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:5-7, Luke 2:36-38

- In what way is Anna an example of being a "true" widow? What does this highlight about qualifying for support?
- What specific areas of her commitment to God were observed and demonstrated?
- How does this challenge the way you've qualified someone to receive church financial support?

### SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 3:2-20, 5:5-7

- In what way must a "true" widow be observed like other leaders within the church? Why is this important?
- What does this imply about someone just showing up to church and asking for money?
- How does this help you better understand the responsibility of the church and a Godly Care Ministry?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>17</sup>learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow,*

Isaiah 1:17