

Timeout

“ How the Church Should Follow Their Leaders - Part 2 ”

1. Hold Them Accountable to God's Word vv. 20-21

2. Don't Hurry the Selection Process v. 22

3. Measure Success by Godly Behavior vv. 23-25



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.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

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 5:19-20, Matthew 18:15-17

- What does Paul imply when he states "for those who persist in sin" in addressing sinful leadership? (i.e., Step 1)
- Why is that important to recognize? How does Jesus present a similar process for sinful congregants? Be specific.
- Why would it be necessary to go public as a final step? What could happen if this remained private?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:20-21, 2 Timothy 4:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, Hebrews 12:22-24

- Who does Paul highlight as being the ultimate judge when it comes to disciplining church leaders?
- How do "angels" relate? Why do you think Paul warns Timothy not to compromise? (i.e., impartial)
- In what way will disciplining a church leader always be intimidating? How can this be a temptation to avoid it?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:21, 1:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:14-18

- In what way did Paul repeat himself in 2 Timothy 2:14-18 and handling sinful church leadership?
- How can you tell Hymenaeus and Philetus were leaders who didn't repent? (Hint: We know their names)
- Why would this be challenging in today's culture? How does 1 Timothy 5:20-21 adjust your current perspective?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 4:14, 5:22, 2 Timothy 1:6, Galatians 6:1-3

- How might Timothy have been tempted to quickly replace sinful church leaders who were required to step down?
- In what way could the church have added to this pressure? How does Paul warn Timothy about being "hasty"?
- How have you seen this process take place? What does this highlight about prevention rather than correction?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:23-25, 3:2-7, John 15:1-5, Galatians 5:22-26

- What basis for selection does Paul give Timothy to pick his future church leaders in 1 Tim. 5:25? (i.e., good works)
- How is this more than theological alignment or spiritual gifting? Why is this critically important to understand?
- What does this also highlight about "time"? Explain how the PCC process for selecting church leadership relates?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 5:20-25, Acts 20:28-31

- Given that Paul warned the Ephesian elders about impending leadership dangers, what does 1 Tim. 5:20 highlight?
- How can churches today be tempted to fall into the same trap? (i.e., cause disruption, impact attendance, etc.)
- Over the past two weeks, what has God shown you about protecting His church and making it beautiful?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard!

Acts 20:28-31a