

Talk is Cheap

“ How to Truly Experience the Love of Christmas ”

1. Double-Check Your Commitment to Jesus

2. Care for Someone in Need



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.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/grow-groups or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON CHRISTMAS 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 John 1:1-5, 14

- How does John describe Jesus before Christmas? Explain how this relates to the doctrine of the trinity?
- What about this perspective is challenging to you? Why will this always be a bit of a mystery?
- In what way does this encourage your perspective when celebrating Christmas this year? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read John 3:16-18, 14:6, Mark 10:45, Acts 4:11-12, Romans 5:12-19, 6:23, Eph. 2:8-9

- In what way did Jesus come on a rescue mission? What was the motivation behind this mission?
- What did Jesus require in order to experience this truth? How does this all relate to Christmas?
- How have you stepped into this truth? Why will double-checking your faith help you celebrate Christmas?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 3:16-18, 16:8-11, 17:17, Ephesians 1:13-14, Jude 20

- In what way is Christmas the ultimate demonstration of God's love for you and me?
- Given Jesus requires "belief" to experience this love, what are some indicators that someone has truly believed?
- Describe how the fruit of the Holy Spirit has given you confidence in your faith. If not, what can you do?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 1:18-25 (Advent Reading)

- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FRIDAY // Read John 15:10-12, Galatians 5:22-23

- As Jesus describes what it means to stay close to him (abide), what is required? (verse 10)
- What should it look like when abiding is taking place? How will Christians ultimately benefit? (i.e., joy)
- In what way does this relate to experiencing God's love? How can you step into this promise this week?

SATURDAY // Read John 15:10-12, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- What does Jesus present as being the secret to expressing God's love? Why is "as I have loved you" important?
- How can this be misunderstood, especially at Christmas time? Give an example.
- In what way can you apply this truth to those around you during this holiday season? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

John 3:16-17