



## Growing Up

“ How to Follow God's Leading in 2026 ”

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1. Don't Hesitate to Obey His Word vv. 19-21
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2. Apply Common Sense Along the Way vv. 22-23
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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.

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/grow-groups](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/grow-groups) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

## GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON NEW YEAR'S 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 Matthew 10:39, 16:24, John 10:27

- What does Jesus require in order to become a Christian? How does this also relate to your everyday walk?
- In what way does your ability to follow Jesus represent spiritual growth? Why will independence be a challenge?
- Why will this also be counterintuitive to how you were raised? How does this challenge you? Be specific.

### TUESDAY // Read Matthew 2:13-14, 19-21

- What was Joseph's response every time an angel called him to act? Why was the timing of his response important?
- What might have happened if he delayed to act? What does this highlight about delayed obedience in general?
- As you think of following Jesus, how has delayed obedience created more problems? How will you respond today?

### WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 2:13-14, James 2:20-22, Hebrews 12:5-11

- Explain the difference between knowing God's word and obeying God's word? Why is this important?
- How does faith also relate to immediate obedience rather than delayed obedience? How does this challenge you?
- In what way may God "encourage" us to more immediately obey than to resist? How is God speaking to you?

### THURSDAY // Read Matthew 2:22-23

- What were Joseph's primary concerns when he heard about Archelaus ruling in Judah? Why was this smart?
- How did God respond to Joseph's concerns? What does this highlight about common sense and faith?
- In what way is the walk of faith a dance with common sense? Explain the 3-step process provided on Sunday.

### FRIDAY // Read Matthew 2:22-23, John 1:44-51, 18:5, 7, Matthew 21:11

- How did Joseph's fears and concerns actually play a part in fulfilling prophecy? Be specific.
- How does this encourage you when it comes to intuition and strategic thinking? Give an example.
- In what way has God used your common sense in conjunction with His leading? How can you apply this in 2026?

### SATURDAY // Read Matthew 2:22-23, John 13:3-9, 34-38, 18:25-26

- In what way was Peter the antithesis of Joseph when it comes to immediate obedience? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about Peter trusting himself more than God? Explain the necessary balance required.
- How can you struggle with an imbalance between faith and strategic thinking? How can you bring more balance?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>27</sup>*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

John 10:27-28