

## Make the Bed

“ How to Discover the Value in Prayer ”

1. Pray without Conditions vv. 1-5

2. "Learn" from God's Response vv. 6-17



# 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 Acts 5:15-20, 5:38-39, 12:1-4**

- Why did King Herod arrest the Apostle Peter? How was this a political move? (i.e., James)
- Why were 16 guards used to secure Peter? What does this highlight about Herod's self-confidence?
- How did the Christians praying for Peter reflect a different confidence? How does this challenge you?

### **TUESDAY // Read Acts 12:1-5, Matthew 6:9-12, Luke 22:41-42, 54**

- In what way might the Christians have figured that praying for Peter wouldn't matter? (i.e., James)
- What does their "earnest" prayer highlight? (i.e., without conditions) Why is this important to understand?
- How does Jesus reflect this same truth during His prayer? How does this adjust your current approach?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 12:1-5, Roans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 3:10, 5:17**

- Given that prayer is to be a regular part of the Christian life, what does it highlight about conversational prayer?
- How does this also highlight that prayer is more than placing requests? (i.e., drawing close, worship, etc.)
- Describe your current approach to prayer. How can you be more prayerful today without requests?

### **THURSDAY // Read Acts 12:6-15a**

- Describe the different stages God used to release Peter from prison. How did Peter respond? (v. 9)
- What does this highlight about His faith? How did the praying Christians respond in the same way? (v. 15a)
- In what way does this encourage you to pray less conditionally? What steps will you take today?

### **FRIDAY // Read Acts 12:6-16, 2 Corinthians 12:8-9**

- Why did the angel release Peter the night before his trial? Why did Peter have to knock on a locked door?
- How could God have inserted all these experiences to teach the Christians and Peter? Be specific.
- How did Paul experience the same thing? What does this highlight about being a good listener in prayer?

### **SATURDAY // Read Acts 12:17, Hebrews 4:15-16**

- Given the focus is on prayer this week, how would you have rated your prayer life? Why?
- How have you changed over the past few days? Be specific. How does Hebrews 4:15-16 encourage you?
- List some tangible prayer steps you will incorporate in your walk with Jesus beyond this week?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Hebrews 4:16**