

Ice Cream Sundae

“ How to Keep the Sin of "Me First" In Check ”

1. Embrace Personal Accountability vv. 18-19

2. Regularly Brag About God vv. 20-24



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 Genesis 3:1-6, Matthew 16:24-26

- In what way did Adam and Eve highlight the root of every sin? (i.e., "Me First") Why is this important to recognize?
- What does this also highlight about trusting yourself & your motives? How does this play into becoming a Christian?
- Explain how you became a Christian. (i.e., surrendered your life) How does this need to continue on a daily basis?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 12:18-19

- How did Herod immediately respond to Peter's miraculous release? What would have been a more rational way to respond?
- What does this reveal about pride and shame? How did Herod ultimately avoid accountability for Peter's escape?
- How do you typically respond to confrontation and accountability? In what way is this a warning to you? Be specific.

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 22:39, 23:12, Ephesians 4:2, James 4:6, 10, 5:16, 1 Peter 3:8

- Explain why humility is critical to your walk with Jesus and relationships with others. What will happen if this is avoided?
- What is required in order for humility to take place? How will it always require others in the process? Be specific.
- Describe a current struggle you are having with another person. How might God be humbling you through it?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 12:20-23, 1 Peter 5:6

- Why did God strike Herod dead? What could Herod have done differently to avoid God's judgment? Be specific.
- What does it mean to "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God"? How did Herod do the opposite?
- How can this sin of pride creep into the church today? Why should this be a warning to every Christian and church leader?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 14:11-15, 12:20-23, Psalm 105:1

- Why did the crowds respond to Paul and Herod in the same way? What does this highlight about the culture today?
- How did Paul prevent a Herod situation from taking place? How does this reflect the truth of Psalm 105:1?
- How often do you brag about God? What are some ways you can redirect the focus for credit? Be specific.

SATURDAY // Read Acts 12:24

- Why do you think this encouraging verse closes out a traumatic situation for the guards and Herod?
- Why is this important to recognize? What does it also highlight about God working through His church?
- How does this provide hope when things get challenging for you? In what way does this encourage you today?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²¹On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²²And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. **Acts 12:21-23**