



Clique Trap

“ How to Protect Unity at PCC ”

1. Always Value Everyone vv. 23-26

2. Look for Ways to Invest in Others vv. 27-28



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 Acts 18:18-25, 1:5

- Given Alexandria was a college city with highly educated thinkers, what can we assume about Apollos?
- In what way could he have stood out in Ephesus? What was lacking in Apollo's teaching? (i.e., the Gospel)
- Why are these two issues important to recognize? How might this have been a clique trap ready to happen?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 18:26, Matthew 22:37-39

- Explain why Apollo may have caused concern to Aquilla and Priscilla when he preached in synagogues?
- How did they respond to this concern? Why is this important to recognize when it comes to church visitors?
- How did this demonstrate care and value? (Mt. 22:39) How did it also prevent a clique from taking place?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 18:26, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 14-26

- Explain the distinction Aquilla and Priscilla made in valuing Apollos rather than simply avoiding him.
- Why is this extremely important in protecting unity within the church? How does 1 Cor. 12 relate?
- How can you be tempted toward a clique mindset? (i.e., Grow Groups, friends, etc.) How will you change?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 18:26-28, 1 Corinthians 4:6-7

- What is being implied that Aquilla and Priscilla took Apollos "aside"? (i.e., into their home)
- In what way did Aquilla and Priscilla's response protect church unity? Be specific.
- How could a different response have caused division? (i.e., clique trap) How will you apply this truth?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 18:26-28, 1 Peter 4:9-11

- Explain how Aquilla and Priscilla valued Apollos beyond words or lip service.
- Why is this distinction important? (i.e., words vs actions) How does this relate to protecting church unity?
- How do you currently invest in others at PCC? How can you do a better job of being more proactive?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 18:23-28, 1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:4, 16:2

- Explain the career path Apollos experienced after his initial arrival in Ephesus.
- In what way did Aquilla and Priscilla contribute to his success? (i.e., rising to the level of an apostle)
- What could have happened if they had reacted with a clique mindset? How does this encourage you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:20-23