

It's Time!

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2. _____ (vv. 33-35)

3. _____ (v. 36)



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.

Point #1

- a) Read Acts 20:31-32. Who did Paul commit the Elders to? Why is this important in terms of leadership?
- b) In what way does this make PCC part of God's beautiful story? How does this build excitement for PCC's future?

Point #2

- a) Read Acts 20:33-35. Why was Paul defending himself when it came to money? (i.e. the rumors)
- b) Why was this important before he left? What does this highlight about rumors during a pastoral succession?

Point #3

- a) Read Acts 20:36. What was Paul's final action with the Elders? Why was this the most important step? Be specific.
- b) How will you commit to praying for PCC and pastor Mark during this season of transition and succession?

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 18:18-21, 19:1-41, 20:31

- As you read about Paul's ministry experience in Ephesus, how would you describe it? (i.e. easy, hard, etc.)
- What does this reveal about the requirements for being an effective pastor? What is at risk if this isn't understood?
- In what way does this adjust the way you've viewed pastoral leadership? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read Acts 20:32, Matthew 16:18, 1 Peter 5:1-4

- Who did Paul commend the Elders to when saying goodbye? How was this an important reminder?
- In what way is the church part of God's beautiful story going back to Jesus? How should this adjust every Pastor?
- How is PCC part of God's beautiful story? How should this help build excitement and confidence for PCC's future?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 20:32, Ephesians 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 5:25-29, John 21:15-17

- Explain the four different ways the New Testament describes the church? How is Jesus related to each one?
- What does this highlight about church leadership's role toward Jesus? How can this be misunderstood?
- As you consider Pastor Mark's succession at PCC, how can this truth help your perspective looking ahead?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 20:33-35, 1 Corinthians 9:3-8, 7:2, 12:14-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:9

- Why was Paul correcting a misunderstanding with the Ephesian Elders when it came to money? (i.e. rumors)
- How did this also happen in other churches? What does this highlight about rumors and gossip in the church?
- Why is this important to remember during times of pastoral succession? How does this challenge you?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 20:33-35, Proverbs 16:28, 26:20, Romans 1:29-30, Ephesians 4:3

- Why will rumor mills and gossip always cause division in a church? How is this to be treated like fire?
- In what way are Christians to work at unity instead? Why will it be a challenge in today's world of social media?
- How can you be tempted into speculation and rumor mills? How can you make a concentrated effort to change?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 20:36-38, Ephesians 3:20-21

- What was Paul's final action when retiring from ministry in Ephesus? Why was this the most important step?
- Knowing that God's in charge of His church, why will prayer be critical to a successful pastoral succession?
- How will you commit to praying for PCC and pastor Mark during this season of transition and succession?

MEDITATION VERSE: *²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21