



Take a Bite!

“ How to Test Yourself for Seeds of Division ”

1. Are You Assuming The Worst About Others? (vv. 27-29)

2. Do You Take Things Personal? (vv. 30-36)



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 21:17-29. Why were Asian Jews trying to shut down Paul? How did they use rumors to do it?
- b) How did their approach require assuming the worst of Paul? What does this reveal about point #1?
- c) In what way is point #1 a warning to you in your relationships with others? How can 1 Cor 13:4-7 help?

Point #2

- a) Read Acts 21:28-36. In what way could the crowd have taken the accusations against Paul personal?
- b) What was the result? How does this relate to point #2? Why is it important to recognize offense as a choice?
- c) How can you be offended? What are your triggers? How might God want you to apply point #2 this week?

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 // Acts 21:17-29, 6:8-14

- In what way were these Asian Jews reacting the same way the Jerusalem Jews did with Stephen?
- How did the Jerusalem church try to appease the Asian Jews? Did it work? Why?
- What does this highlight about assuming the worst about others? Why does this sow seeds of division?

TUESDAY // Acts 21:27-29, John 17:20-21, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- In what way did Jesus essentially pray against the behavior of the Asian Jews? How were they unloving?
- What are Christians called to do when it comes assumptions about others? Why is this important?
- Who in your life do you need to start assuming the best about? How can you practice 1 Cor 13:4-7?

WEDNESDAY // Acts 21:30-36, 19:28-32

- Explain the dynamic that can take place when crowds of people get vicariously attached?
- Why will chaos always ensue? How did this take place with Paul? Be specific.
- How have you seen this happen in a church? What is the solution? How does this currently challenge you?

THURSDAY // Acts 21:28-30, Matthew 22:37-39, 7:1-5

- In what way did the Asian Jews and the crowd misjudge the Apostle Paul? Be specific.
- How did their false assumptions play into it? How did they also respond based on personal offense? (v.28)
- In what way does the counsel of Jesus help you avoid judging others? (i.e. love, loving others)

FRIDAY // Acts 21:30-36, Matthew 12:1-14, James 4:10, Hebrews 12:15

- How did the Pharisees respond to the words of Jesus? Why? How did the crowd with Paul do the same?
- In what way was this a response to personal offense? Why is it important to know offense is a choice?
- How can you be offended? What are your triggers? How might God want you to grow in this area?

SATURDAY // Acts 21:30-36, Ephesians 4:1-7

- How do you see Paul's encouragement for unity being necessary in today's churches? Give an example.
- Given our current culture today, why will addressing division always be a problem and a challenge?
- As you look ahead to PCC's future, how can you better protect unity and keep yourself in check?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Eph 4:3-6 (NIV)