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1. _____ vv. 10-18a



2. _____ vv. 18b-21

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 THANKSGIVING 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 24:5-6, 10-18a

- What 3 charges did Tertullus bring against Paul? Be specific. How was it an attempt to manipulate Felix?
- How did Paul respond? What does this highlight about bringing truth to manipulative situations?
- How do you typically respond to manipulation? In what way do you need to adjust your approach?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 4:1-21, 24:10-16

- How were the Sanhedrin leaders trying to manipulate both Peter and Paul? (i.e., their style)
- Although Peter and Paul were dealing with different topics, what was similar about their responses?
- What does this teach us about the how to avoid the trappings of manipulation? How does this encourage you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 22:41-23:33

- How does it make you feel seeing how Jesus exposed the Pharisees manipulative behavior?
- Who was in the audience that Jesus was speaking to? Why is this important to recognize?
- What potentially manipulative situation are you currently facing? How do you need to respond?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 24:18b-21

- Why did Paul request the presence of "Jews from Asia"? (i.e., first-hand experience)
- Why is this important in order to avoid manipulation? How does this relate to vicarious attachments?
- How has this happened to you? Be specific. What is the primary way to avoid this from happening?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

- In what way were the chief priests and elders trying to manipulate Jesus' trial? Be specific.
- Why did Jesus respond to Pilate's question in verse 12 and not in verse 13? (Hint: first-hand experience)
- How did Pilate's response in verse 24 highlight how the chief priests and elders were manipulating?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, 1 Peter 3:10-12

- Explain what it means in today's reading to be bread without yeast. (i.e., be sincere and truthful)
- How have you experienced the truth of 1 Peter 3:10-12? (either positive or negative)
- What has God been teaching you about deception, manipulation, and telling the truth these past two weeks?

MEDITATION VERSE: *25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.* ***Ephesians 4:25***