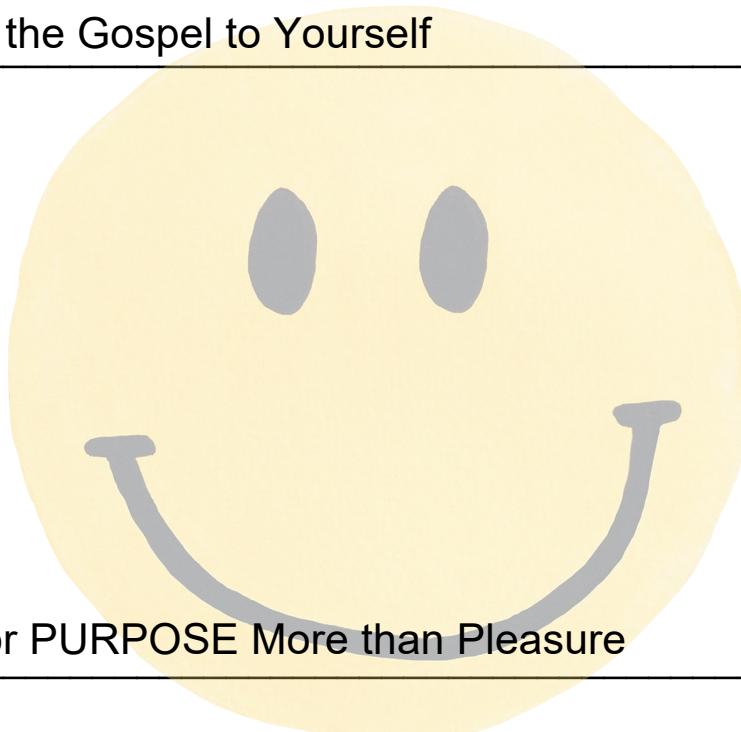

The Pursuit of Happiness

“ How to Have JOY in a World that Needs it ”

1. Preach the Gospel to Yourself

1 Timothy 1:12-17



2. Seek for PURPOSE More than Pleasure

Luke 8:4-15, Mt. 6:33

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 Info Kiosk on the patio.

1. In this season, has it been easy to find joy or has it been difficult?
 - a. What problem or circumstance has the greatest ability to steal your joy?
2. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-16**. As you read this, what aspects of God's character stand out to you?
 - a. How can admitting our weakness lead to a deeper experience of Jesus' love?
 - b. We often think that the gospel is something we need to preach only to unbelievers, but why is remembering the gospel an essential part of growing in our faith?
3. What aspect of God's character and love for you do you need to remind yourself of when it comes to the problems that are stealing your joy?
 - a. How is this helpful, even if it doesn't change the circumstance?
4. Read **Luke 8:4-15... Reread verse 14**. How would you identify if there was a "thorn" in your life?
 - a. Do any specific things stand out as potential thorns in your life that God may be calling you away from? (It doesn't have to be a sinful thing, could be a neutral thing that has taken too much priority in your life.)
5. **Read Matt 6:31-33** As you consider God's purpose for you this year, are there any specific things that God might be calling you to do or focus on?
 - a. Are there any ways we can hold each other accountable to pursue these focuses this year?