
Main Character Syndrome

“ How to Stay Humble & Keep God First ”

1. A Prideful Heart:

Seeks to Use God to Bring Itself Glory

A Humble Heart:

Seeks to Be Used by God to Bring Him Glory

(Acts 13:44-45 & 14:1-7)

2. A Prideful Heart:

Defines the Truth About God by It's Own Beliefs

A Humble Heart:

Allows God's Truth to Define What it Believes

(Acts 14:8-18)

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 13:13-14 , Acts 15:36-41

- **Why do you think Paul was so offended by what Mark (John Mark) did?**
- As you read these passages, do you relate with any character in particular: Mark (the one who betrayed trust), Paul (the one who held on to the hurt of betrayal), or Barnabas (the one who is trying to reconcile). Ask God what he wants to reveal to you as you consider this.
- Even in the midst of conflict, how can you see God working in this situation? How can seeing this help us hold on to hope in our situations of hurt and conflict?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 13:15-42, Galatians 5:13-17

- **What stands out to you about God's character as you read Paul summarize the history of Israel?**
- Re-read verse 37-39. How does this description of Jesus' forgiveness impact both our past mistakes and our future choices?
- What is unique about the freedom Jesus gives us? How does the Spirit give us a freedom we didn't have before?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 51:12

- **What kept the religious leaders from hearing the truth of the Gospel? How can we guard against this heart position?**
- Why do you think the disciples were able to remain full of joy in the midst of persecution?
- Have you been experiencing the joy of the Lord or have your current circumstances stolen your joy?
- Pray Psalm 51:12 and ask God to fill you with His Spirit and His perspective.

THURSDAY // Read Acts 14:1-7, Galatians 1:10

- **What do you notice about how different people respond to the apostles' message?**
- How can this be a good reminder to us of how people will respond to us when we seek to share the gospel and live for God?
- We often judge success by the way people respond to our message, but what is the danger of this?
- What would it look like for you to apply the words of Galatians 1:10?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 14:3, 14:8-18

- **How did God provide additional testimony to the message of the apostles?**
- How do you think Paul and Barnabas remained humble even when God gave them miraculous power?
- What has God gifted you with that you are tempted to use for your own glory (skills, career, resources...)
- What would it look like for you to use those things to glorify God TODAY?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 14:19-23, Luke 9:23, John 15:18-20

- **How does Acts 14:22 remind us that we don't believe in a "prosperity gospel"?**
- Why do you think following Jesus can often lead to challenges and suffering rather than peace and prosperity?
- What is our hope in the midst of trials and suffering and how do you think God is present in those times?

MEDITATION VERSE: Acts 14:21-22