

## Vacation Plans

“ How to Experience God's Blessing in Daily Life - Part 4 ”

**1.** Be a Unifier, Not a Divider v. 9

**2.** Be Open About Your Faith in Jesus vv. 10-12



# 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/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

## **GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON THANKSGIVING BREAK**

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## 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](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, Romans 15:33, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Ephesians 6:14-15, 2 Peter 1:2**

- Describe the two different types of peace presented in today's reading. How are both "relational"?
- In what way does this relate to the role of a "peacemaker"? What does this also imply about division?
- How do you typically respond to this topic? Be specific. How does this adjust your perspective?

### **TUESDAY // Read Mat. 5:9, Romans 12:18, Hebrews 12:14, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:1-3, Hebrews 3:13**

- In what way is every Christian responsible for being a peacemaker? Why is avoidance not acceptable?
- What is the difference between a peacemaker and a peacekeeper? Why is this important to understand?
- How are you tempted into avoiding this topic? What are the biblical ramifications? How will you change?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 5:9, 10:34-39, Isaiah 9:6**

- How does Matthew 10:34-39 seemingly contradict Isaiah 9:6? What response was Jesus describing?
- In what way does this help clear up the apparent contradiction? How does this relate to a peacemaker?
- What are some ways this can be an encouragement for peacemaking? How does it encourage you?

### **THURSDAY // Read Matthew 5:10-12, Luke 6:22-23, John 15:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:12**

- Why does scripture promise persecution to every Christian who is open about their faith?
- In what way did the life and ministry of Jesus relate to this truth? How does this make you feel?
- How does this help with expectations when being more open about your faith? How does it encourage you?

### **FRIDAY // Read Matthew 5:10-12, Romans 8:35-37, 1 Peter 2:20, 3:13-14, James 1:12**

- How did Jesus provide encouragement to believers who were afraid of religious persecution?
- What will happen if this isn't properly understood? How do you see this taking place today? Be specific.
- Describe a time when you experienced spiritual persecution. What does this teach you about Matthew 5:10?

### **SATURDAY // Read Matthew 5:10-12, 10:16-25, Acts 5:1-42, Hebrews 11:35-38**

- Describe the type of persecution the prophets and disciples endured for God and the Gospel.
- How does this compare to religious persecution today? What does this imply about God's blessing today?
- Why is this important for both Christians and the church to remember? How does God want you to change?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 5:9-10*