

Bring It On!

“ How to Handle the Challenges of 2021 ”

1. Practice Looking for the Good vv.1-4

2. Keep an Eternal Perspective vv.5-6a



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

- Read Colossians 1:1-4. Why was Paul thankful? How does this provide balance to the purpose of the letter?
- Given Paul was in prison when he wrote Colossians, what does this imply about a broader perspective?
- How does Point #1 relate? Why is this important going into 2021? How does this help you?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:4-6a. Explain the interaction and balance between faith, love, and hope in the Christian life.
- What happens when there is an imbalance? How would you rate your balance in 2020? Why?
- How does Point #2 help? What specific adjustments will you make to apply Point #2 and keep balanced in 2021?

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 Colossians 1:1, Acts 1:21-22, 9:5-6, 15, 22:10-21, 26:15-18, Romans 1:1, Galatians 1:1

- In multiple letters by Paul, he refers to himself as an Apostle. Why?
- How would the title help in delivering the message of Colossians? (i.e., a corrective letter)
- How is an Apostle different than a disciple? How does this elevate the message of Colossians to you?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:2-4

- Given Paul wrote from a Roman prison to correct a Colossae heresy, how would Paul have been challenged?
- In what way were his remarks encouraging rather than correcting? How did this provide balance?
- Why is this important as we approach the potential challenges in 2021? How does this adjust you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 1:2-4, Galatians 5:22-25

- Given Paul wrote both Colossians and Galatians from prison, what is implied about the fruit of the Spirit?
- As you look back to 2020, how was this truth specifically challenged in your life? Why?
- In what way do you need to change your approach in 2021? How will "looking for the good" help?

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 1:4-5, John 13:1-14, 1 Cor. 13:13, 1 Thess. 1:3, 5:8, Hebrews 6:10-12

- Explain the interaction between faith, love, and hope in the Christian life. Why is "faith" the beginning?
- How does "love" represent the fruit of faith? Be specific. In what way does "hope" look forward?
- Why is a balance between all three important? How does this speak to you? How do you need to balance?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:5-6a, 1 Corinthians 15:19, Philippians 3:20-21

- What is the purpose of the Gospel and responding to the "word of truth"? What is at risk?
- What happens when this gets overlooked or misunderstood? Give an example.
- In what way can an eternal perspective help you throughout 2021? How will you keep this in place?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:5-6a, Romans 5:3-5, John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

- Explain how pain and suffering can produce hope. How does God play a part in this process?
- What does this reveal about an added benefit to the Gospel? How have you seen this in your life?
- In what way has God met you during a painful time? What was the result? How does this encourage you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. **Colossians 1:3-5**