



What To Bring?

“ How to Pray in a Productive Way - Part 5 ”

1. Bring a Humble Heart vv. 18-22

2. Bring a Committed Heart v. 23



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 1:18-22. Explain the meaning of this passage. How does it relate to Good Friday and Easter?
- What is implied by the words "reconciled" and "peace"? How is "holy" and "blameless" accomplished?
- Why is Point #1 the ultimate result of these truths? Specifically, what will Point #1 look like for you in prayer?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:23. In what way was Paul both encouraging the Colossians and giving them a warning?
- Why is this balance important to understand? Why is Paul not implying one can lose their salvation?
- How is Paul encouraging Point #2? Why is this a daily issue? How will you bring Point #2 to your prayer time?

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 1:15-18a, Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

- What does scripture imply by using a physical body metaphor to describe the local church?
- How does Jesus being the "head" relate? How does this also clarify the role of church leadership?
- In what way does this adjust your view of the local church? How does on-line church relate?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:18b, Romans 8:29, 1 Corinthians 15:20, Hebrews 2:14-15, Revelation 1:5

- What does "firstborn from the dead" mean? (Hint: ranking) How did Jesus demonstrate this?
- In what way does this elevate Easter? Why is this important and essentially the basis for the Christian faith?
- Why should this be an encouragement to Christians? How does this encourage you?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 1:19-20, Ephesians 2:11-19, Romans 3:23-25, Gal. 3:13, 2 Cor. 5:17-18

- In your own words, explain the meaning of Colossians 1:19-20. What is implied in the word "reconciled"?
- What is implied in the word "peace"? How does the cross relate to this? Why is the cross necessary?
- How does culture today reflect a similar truth? (i.e. laws) What is challenging to you about the cross?

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 1:21-22, Ephesians 2:3-11, Romans 5:6-11, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24-25

- In what way does Colossians 1:21-22 describe what it means to become a Christian? Be specific.
- Explain why the words "holy", "blameless", and "above reproach" are important. How is it accomplished?
- How does this refute a works-based view of salvation? What is at risk if this truth is misunderstood?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 2:18-19, Philippians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- In what way is Colossians 1:23 both an encouragement and a warning to the Colossian Christians?
- How does this relate to "finishing well"? Why is this not a warning about losing one's salvation?
- What does this imply about daily commitment? How will you recommit your life to the Lord today?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:23, John 15:1-11

- In what way does John 15:1-11 compliment the admonition of Colossians 1:23 to "continue in the faith"?
- According to Jesus, what is required? How is this a balance between your decisions and God working?
- What will be the result? Be specific. How does this encourage you today? What decisions will you make?

MEDITATION VERSE ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

Colossians 1:21-22