

## Backslide Basics

“ How to Protect Against a Spiritual Struggle - Part 2 ”

**1.** Have Daily Goals v. 6



**2.** Challenge Yourself v. 7

# 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.

### Point #1

- Read Colossians 2:6. How was Paul attempting to adjust the Colossian's priorities? Why?
- What does "walk in Him" imply from a timing standpoint? How does this relate to Point #1?
- Why will a Sunday only approach be risky? How have you experienced this? How will you apply Point #1?

### Point #2

- Read Colossians 2:7. What imagery/metaphor does Paul use to describe a "walk" in Him? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about an on-going effort? What does it also highlight about maintenance?
- In what way does Point #2 compliment Point #1? How does this cause you to adjust your Point #1 approach?

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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 Colossians 2:6, Matthew 6:31-33, 16:24-27**

- What does "the" Lord imply about priority in Col. 2:6? How do John and Jesus emphasize the same truth?
- What changed for you when you became a Christian? (i.e. priorities) What does this reveal to you today?
- In what way can this type of reflection help with preventing future struggles? How does this help you?

### **TUESDAY // Read Colossians 2:6, 1 John 2:4-6, Revelation 2:4-5**

- Describe what Paul meant by his encouragement to "walk in him". How does it relate to intentionality?
- In what way does frequency play into it? Why is this important? How would "backsliding" be the opposite?
- What is the solution based on Rev. 2:5? How does this encourage or adjust you today? Be specific.

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 2:6, John 3:25-29, Revelation 19:7-8, 21:2-4**

- How does it make you feel knowing scripture calls you the spiritual bride and Jesus your bridegroom?
- What does backsliding imply about being spiritually faithful to your relationship? (e.g. spiritual affair)
- In light of this truth, what adjustments do you need to make to be more faithful? (i.e. walk in Him)

### **THURSDAY // Read Colossians 2:7a, Psalm 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 3:9-15, Jude 20**

- What imagery/metaphor does Paul use to describe what it means to "walk" in Him?
- What does this imply about what is required for spiritual growth? Why will maintenance never work?
- How does this challenge your current walk with the Lord? Be specific. How will you change this today?

### **FRIDAY // Read Colossians 2:7, Romans 16:25, 2 Thess. 2:16-17, 1 Peter 5:10, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

- According to Colossians 2:7, what is required in order to be "established" in the faith? Be specific.
- Who actually does the establishing? Why is this important to understand? How can this be overlooked?
- How would you rate your level of being "established"? What does this reveal about your next steps?

### **SATURDAY // Read Colossians 2:7, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Philippians 1:9, 1 Thess. 3:12-13, 4:1, 10**

- What does today's reading reveal about the "on-going" part of spiritual growth? Why is this important?
- In what way will this lead to a thankful heart? How is this often overlooked in today's Christian culture?
- How does Col. 2:7 both encourage and challenge you? What step is God prompting you to take today?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **Colossians 2:6-7**