

It's 2022!

“ How to Take a Christmas into the New Year ”

1. Remember Life Will Always Have Challenges v. 19-22a

2. Keep Looking to God for Guidance v. 22b-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.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON NEW YEAR'S 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 Matthew 1:20-23, 2:13-15, 2:19-20

- Describe the circumstances surrounding the three dreams Joseph had regarding Christmas.
- In what way would they have been challenging? What does this imply about God working in challenging times?
- How does Joseph's experience help your perspective about challenging times? How can it help you today?

TUESDAY // Read Matthew 1:20-23, 2:13-15, 2:21-22a

- What did Joseph "feel" during Christmas? How is this different than the feelings we seek from Christmas today?
- In what way do you typically "feel" a challenge? How does Joseph's experience encourage you?
- Why is this perspective helpful in managing your expectations for a "happy" new year? Be specific.

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 1:20-23, 2:13-15, 2:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- Given the Christian life is described as being a runner, boxer, & farmer, what does this imply about challenging times?
- In what way was Joseph and Mary simply living out the Christian life at Christmas? How can this get lost today?
- Looking back on 2021, how did this take place in your life? How does this adjust you going into 2022?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 2:21-22, Psalm 37:4, Matthew 6:9-10

- How did God's leading work in conjunction with Joseph's struggle? What does this highlight about God's will?
- Why is this an important part of Christian living? What does it imply about control versus seeking the Lord?
- Looking back on 2021, how did this happen in your life? What steps will you take to depend on the Lord in 2022?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 2:23, John 1:44-46, Philippians 2:5-8

- Why was it significant that Jesus was raised in Nazareth instead of Bethlehem? How did this impact His reputation?
- What does it also highlight about the meaning of Christmas? Why is this important to carry into 2022?
- What are some practical steps you will take to keep this in place? Take some time now to commit them in prayer.

SATURDAY // Read Matthew 2:19-23, Lamentations 3:22-26, Psalm 27:14

- As you head into 2022, what are your greatest fears and greatest desires? Be specific.
- How does today's scripture encourage you? How does it also help with managing your expectations?
- What would it look like for you to "wait" on the Lord and be "strong" this week?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²² *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;* ²³ *they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23