

Two Kingdoms

Embracing the Kingdom of God

1. Become Actively Aware of Which Kingdom You're Embracing

2. Pursue, Participate In, and Promote the Kingdom of God



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

- a) Read Ephesians 2:1-5. What does this passage teach about the kingdom of this world? What's the alternative?
- b) What are some things that seem "normal" in our culture, but are actually a product of the fallen culture?
- c) Why is point 1 necessary? What are some things you might need to change, based on point 1? Will you?

Point #2

- a) Read Romans 12:9-21. What is God asking of us, in this passage? What part of is the most challenging for you?
- b) In what ways have you inadvertently promoted the kingdom of this world in the past? How did that change?
- c) In what ways would our culture change if all Christians applied point 2? What are some specific ways you will?

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 Ephesians 6:10-18

- What are we waging war against? What does that war look like? How are you engaging in it?
- How do we gain protection and weaponry in this war? How often do you consciously wear those items?
- According to this passage, how and how often should you be praying? What can you do differently?

TUESDAY // Read 2 Timothy 3

- Which descriptions of people in the last days do you see most in our culture? Which do you see in yourself?
- How do you see verse 7 in our culture? How can you fall into that same trap? How can you protect from it?
- How does knowing scripture prepare you for the battle between the kingdoms of God and this world?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 3:1-21

- What does it mean to be born again? How can you experience it? Are you led by the Holy Spirit in your life?
- If the kingdom of the world is at war with God why would he love it and want to save it? What did it cost?
- What are the differences between those who love God and those who don't? Do you see that contrast in you?

THURSDAY // Read Ephesians 5:1-21

- What is significant about this list of "works of darkness?" Which ones do you struggle with most? Why?
- How are we supposed to behave instead of these works? How can you pursue those things today?
- Why do people who are in God's kingdom still struggle with actions from the enemy camp? Is there hope?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 6:19-24, 1 John 2:15-17

- What are these passages teaching? What does it look like to "lay-up treasures on earth?" What about heaven?
- What does it mean to love the World? In what ways do you love the world? How can you change that?
- What does building the Kingdom of God look like? How are you doing it? How can you do it more consistently?

SATURDAY // Read Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

- What are the patterns of this world that you're most likely to conform to? How can you break that pattern?
- How can you "renew your mind?" What habit can you form starting today that will create renewal?
- In the spiritual battle that's raging, how do your actions show support for or even effect the two kingdoms?

MEDITATION VERSE: *He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.*

Colossians 2:14-15 NLT