

# Triggers

“ What the Gospel Will Always Expose ”

1. Ulterior Motives vv. 60-66

2. Hidden Pride vv. 67-71



# 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 John 6:60-66. Given the crowd was politically motivated, how did Jesus expose their earthly agenda?
- How does this relate to Point #1? Why is this dynamic always important to recognize when sharing your faith?
- What are some examples of how this can happen today? Be specific. How does Point #1 help you help others?

### Point #2

- Read John 6:67-71. Why did Jesus indirectly correct Peter's confession of faith? How does this relate to Point #2?
- What does this also highlight about sharing your faith with non-Christians? Why will this always be an issue?
- In what way is this topic the central issue of the Gospel? How does this help prepare you for future discussions?

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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 John 6:52-65, 3:9-15, 4:11-14, 10:9-10**

- Explain how each metaphor (bread, water, door) relates to responding to The Gospel. Be specific.
- How are they similar or different? Why will there always be a need for spiritual awareness to respond to Jesus?
- In what way did the crowd lack this spiritual awareness? What was the result? What does this teach you?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 6:60-66, 3:16-20**

- In what way did Jesus expose the ulterior motives of the crowd? Why would they have been triggered?
- How can this same dynamic take place today when talking to non-Christians about Jesus? Give an example.
- Why is this important to understand? How does this encourage you to be more patient when sharing your faith?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 6:60-66, Luke 18:18-30**

- In what way did the young ruler ask a loaded question about going to heaven? How did Jesus respond? Why?
- What does this highlight about the dynamic of ulterior motives? Why is this important to recognize?
- Given that sometimes people will try to come to Jesus on their own terms, how can you protect them?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 6:67-71, 13:1-9, Matthew 26:30-35, 74-75**

- How did Peter get out ahead of himself when professing his commitment to Jesus? What did it expose?
- In what way does this highlight what the true Gospel will always expose? Be specific.
- Why does this matter? How does this help prepare you when talking to others about Jesus? Give an example.

### **FRIDAY // Read John 6:67-71, 1 Peter 5:5-6, Matthew 16:24-28**

- Why did Jesus indirectly correct Peter's confidence? What does this highlight about following Jesus?
- How did Jesus' teaching in Matthew 16:24-28 relate to the same topic? What does this highlight about the Gospel?
- How did Peter demonstrate he learned his lesson in 1 Peter 5:5-6? How does this encourage or challenge you?

### **SATURDAY // Read 1 John 1:8-10, Romans 3:23, Galatians 3:21-22, Ecclesiastes 7:20**

- What does scripture say about people being good or bad before God? Why is this a key issue with The Gospel?
- Explain the relationship between sin and humility. Why is this important to understand to become a Christian?
- How does this help prepare you for triggers that people may have that you talk to? Be specific.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>10</sup>as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup>All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

**Romans 3:10-12**