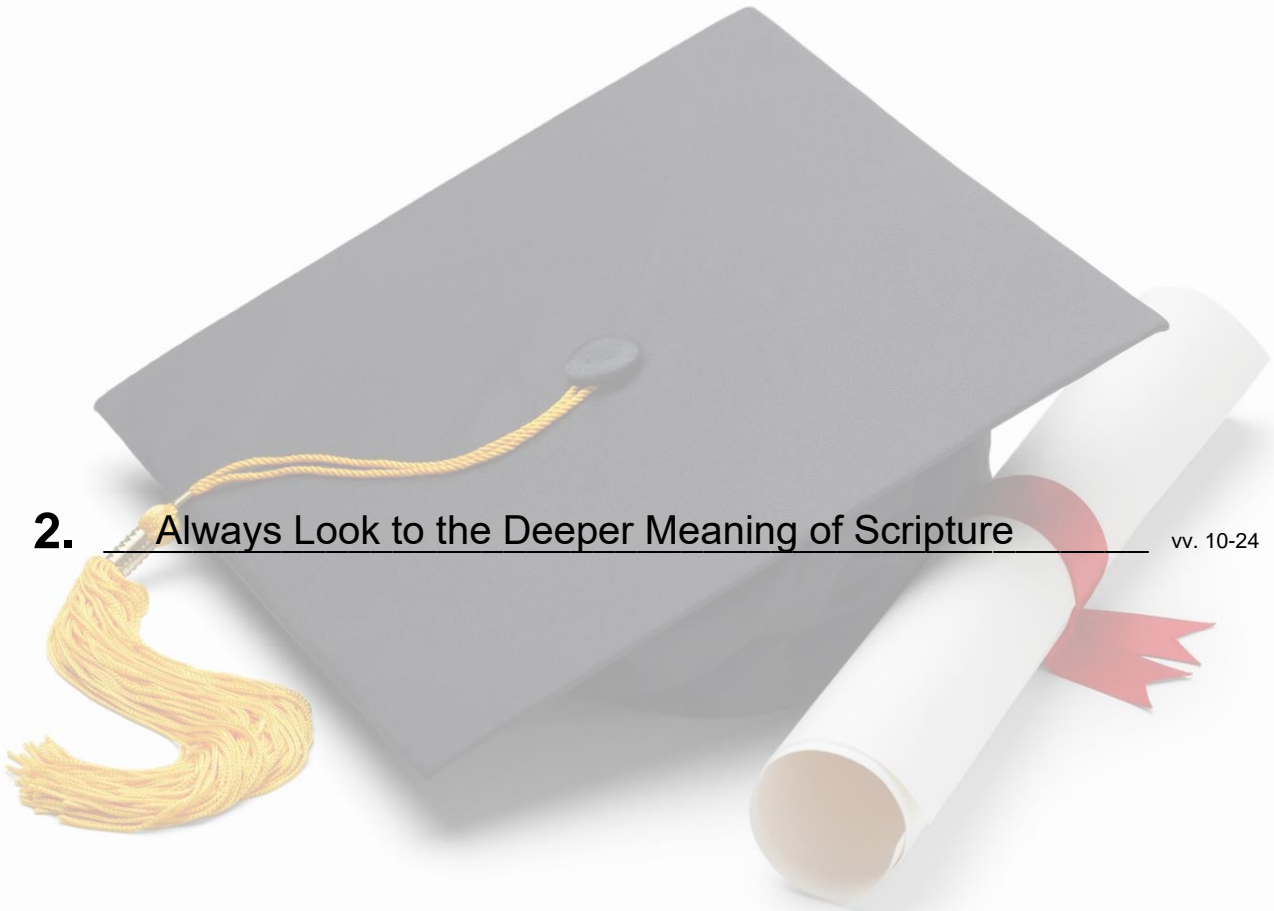


## The Graduate

“ How to Walk in the Wisdom of God ”

1. Recognize it Won't Always Be Popular w. 1-9

2. Always Look to the Deeper Meaning of Scripture w. 10-24



# 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 7:1-9. Why did the brothers encourage Jesus to attend the feast of booths? How was it smart?
- Why didn't Jesus accept? Given the brothers were not believers, how does Point #1 relate? Be specific.
- In what way can going along with the crowd prevent operating in godly wisdom? How does Point #1 help you?

### Point #2

- Read John 7:10-24. How did Jesus expose the manipulation of scripture by the religious leaders?
- Explain the difference between judgement by "appearances" vs. "right judgment". What is the risk?
- Given that wisdom is found in God's word, how can Point #2 help? How does this adjust your current 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 Proverbs 2:1-7, 3:13-14, 8:11, 9:10, 17:24, James 1:5**

- Given that "wisdom" is mentioned over 200 times in scripture, what does this imply for you?
- Why will wisdom always be different than simply being smart or going to college? (Hint: man vs God)
- What does scripture teach about wisdom's origin? What does this imply about your responsibility?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 6:12-15, 53-66, 7:1-5**

- Why did Jesus' brothers recommend He attend the feast of booths? How would this have been a good strategy?
- Given the brothers of Jesus were not believers, what does this imply about their perspective? (c.f. Proverbs 9:10)
- In what way will the wisdom of God always be different than world logic? How have you experienced this?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 7:1-13, 6:15, Matthew 4:8-10**

- In what way did the brothers of Jesus try to help Him? Why didn't Jesus take their suggestion?
- How did Jesus have a similar exchange with Satan after fasting for 40 days in Matthew 4:8ff? Be specific.
- What does this teach you about walking in the wisdom of God? Why is this important to always remember?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 7:1-19, 5:8-18**

- How did Jesus expose the evil plan of the Jewish leadership? In what way were their hands tied to respond?
- How would the brothers' approach to Jesus attending the festival have prevented this from happening?
- What does this reveal about Jesus operating in godly wisdom? How does this help you today?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 7:19-24, Genesis 2:1-3, 17:9-14, Leviticus 12:3**

- How did Jesus confront the religious leaders' approach to the sabbath? How did they miss its meaning?
- In what way was their approach "appearance" driven rather than a "right" judgment? Be specific.
- How does this relate to a lack of wisdom? What does this teach about seeking the deeper meaning of scripture?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 7:19-24, Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 33-35, 38-39, 43-44**

- How did Jesus confront the superficial application of God's word by the religious leaders in the temple?
- How did He do the same thing in the Sermon on the Mount? What should this teach Christians today?
- What is at risk if this isn't properly understood? How does this challenge or adjust you? Be specific.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>6</sup>For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup>he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity...* **Proverbs 2:6-7**