

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of May 17th, 2026

Rodeo Sunday 2026

Theme: “Church Without Walls!”

Primary Text(s): Acts 2:42-47

1. **Read Acts 2:42-47.**
2. The sermon begins with criticism of the church from someone who once participated deeply in church life. *Why do you think many people today are spiritually curious about Jesus but skeptical of the church? Have you personally seen examples that either reinforced or challenged those perceptions?*
3. The theme “Church Without Walls” emphasizes that Christianity is not meant to stay confined to a building or a Sunday gathering. *What does it practically look like for faith in Jesus to overflow into everyday life?*
4. Acts 2:42 describes the early church devoting itself to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. *Which of these four habits do you think is most neglected in modern Christianity today, and why?*
5. The sermon emphasized that people are always being formed by something: culture, fears, social media, experiences, or truths about Jesus. *What are some influences shaping people today, and how can Christians intentionally remain rooted in Christ?*
6. The early church became known for deep community, hospitality, and care across social and cultural barriers. *Why do you think authentic community is so difficult to cultivate in today’s culture, even though people long for it?*
7. Acts 2:43 says people were “filled with awe” as they witnessed the impact of the early church. The sermon suggested that transformed lives and sacrificial love can still create awe today. *Have you ever witnessed an act of Christian compassion, generosity, or forgiveness that deeply impacted you or others?*
8. The story of Desmond Doss illustrated sacrificial love toward people who had previously mocked him. *Why is generosity and self-giving love so countercultural? In what ways does Jesus challenge our instinct toward self-protection and self-interest?*
9. The sermon mentioned the idea of “third places” such as coffee shops, gyms, neighbourhood gatherings, online spaces, and community events. *What are some “third places” in your life where meaningful relationships naturally happen? How might Christians embody Jesus’ presence in those spaces?*

10. One of the sermon's key questions was: "If our church disappeared tomorrow, would our community notice an absence of hope, compassion, generosity, and service?" *How would you answer that question for the church today, and what kind of impact do you believe the church should have on its surrounding community?*

11. The sermon closes by distinguishing between the failures of Christians and the person of Jesus Himself. *Why is that distinction important? How does focusing on the person and work of Jesus help us navigate disappointment, hurt, or skepticism toward the church?*