



Pacific Community Church

Growth Group Sermon Questions

Date: September 27th, 2026

Sermon Series: Standalone

Sermon Title: "Living a Compelling Witness"

Primary Text(s): 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- 1. Icebreaker Question: What is a job, role, or responsibility where you feel the weight of representing more than just yourself? What makes you feel that way?**

Leader's Notes: Invite people to think about roles where their actions reflect on someone or something bigger than themselves. It could be a workplace, family, team, organization, or even their children.

- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.**

- 3. Paul calls us "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Why is it significant to see yourself in this way rather than simply as someone who attends church? Where is your everyday mission field?**

Leader's Notes: An ambassador is an active participant who represents King Jesus. We are not to merely be observers of the gospel, but people who actively carry the message of reconciliation to our individual contexts.

Follow Up Question: What might you change about the way you act or speak during the week if you genuinely saw yourself as Christ's ambassador?

- 4. As ambassadors for Christ, we carry the message of reconciliation. In your own words, how would you explain what that message is to a nonbeliever? What Scriptures would you point to?**

Leader's Notes: Give people space to articulate the gospel in their own words. We need to be able to do this as ambassadors. At its core, reconciliation is about God restoring our broken relationship with Himself through Jesus Christ. We were separated from God by sin, but through Jesus, God makes a way for us to be forgiven, restored, and brought back into relationship with Him.

- 5. What do you think makes someone's witness compelling? What can hurt someone's witness?**

Leader's Notes: Let the group brainstorm together. Consider Christian qualities that would stand out in our cultural context today.

- 6. If the Christian walk isn't about trying harder to earn God's love, why is integrity still important? How can we grow in holiness from a place of being loved rather than striving for God's acceptance?**

Leader's Notes: The motivation matters! We don't pursue holiness to become loved by God; we pursue holiness because we already are loved by God.

- 7. How can the way we handle conflict, differences, or difficult people either strengthen or weaken our witness for Christ?**

Leader's Notes: Explore what it looks like to represent Jesus when relationships become uncomfortable. Consider how we listen, speak, apologize, forgive, set boundaries, pursue peace, and treat people we disagree with.

- 8. Colossians 4:5-6 calls us to speak with grace and wisdom. What does this look like in real-life conversations, especially when we disagree with someone?**

Leader's Notes: Consider both what we say and how we say it.

Follow Up: What techniques can we use when we are struggling to speak with grace in the moment? Example: Unhooking – detaching emotionally from the conversation and refocus mentally on the goal to be a good ambassador.

- 9. Pastor Diane talked about the importance of our follow-through. Where might God be inviting you to become more dependable in the small things?**

Leader's Notes: Faithfulness often looks ordinary. Our integrity isn't only demonstrated through big moral decisions. Who are we in the small, unseen things shapes the credibility of our witness.

- 10. If someone observed how you lived your life this week, what would you hope they would learn about Jesus from the way you live? What is one practical step you could take toward that?**

Leader's notes: Encourage group members to choose one specific and realistic step rather than a broad goal. It could relate to a specific relationship, a conversation, an area of integrity, or following through on something they've been avoiding.