

Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions

Week of January 4th, 2025

Sermon Series: Redeeming the Scroll!

Sermon Theme: “Always Connected, Never Present.”

Primary Text(s): Acts 16:9-12; & Philippians 1:1-2.

- 1. Read Primary Passages.**
- 2. Presence & Distraction**
 - a. *When have you personally experienced being physically present but mentally or emotionally absent because of your phone or another digital distraction?*
 - b. *What did that moment reveal about what was holding your attention at the time?*
- 3. Formation & Awareness**
 - a. The sermon suggests that constant connectivity is forming us, not just informing us. *What signs do you see in your own life that your digital habits may be shaping your patience, attentiveness, or emotional availability?*
- 4. Redeeming vs. Rejecting Technology**
 - a. “Redeeming the scroll” does not mean rejecting technology, but restoring it to its intended purpose. *What do you think that distinction looks like practically in a Christian’s everyday digital life?*
- 5. History & Discernment (Biblical + Church History)**
 - a. Throughout Scripture and church history, God consistently used innovation to advance the Gospel. *What does this historical pattern teach us about how we should discern the use of modern technologies rather than simply embracing or condemning them?*
- 6. Edification as an Approach to Redeem Scroll.**
 - a. Paul frames communication and content, whether letters or speech, as something that either builds up or tears down. *How might asking “Is this edifying?” change the way you consume content or engage online this week?*
 - b. Paul continued to edify believers even when physical presence was impossible, through intentional and gospel-shaped communication. *What might intentional, edifying digital communication look like in your own relationships right now?*
- 7. Word of Caution: Be Attentive**
 - a. The sermon highlights that Spirit-led faithfulness involves discerned engagement, not constant engagement. *How do you currently discern when the Spirit is inviting you to engage, and when He may be calling you to step back and be present?*

8. Response & Reorientation (Prayerful Response)

- a. *Which of the sermon's response invitations resonates most with you right now—repentance for idolatry, attentiveness, edification, or the gospel invitation itself—and why?*

- b. *What is one concrete step you sense God inviting you to take as you begin this new year?*