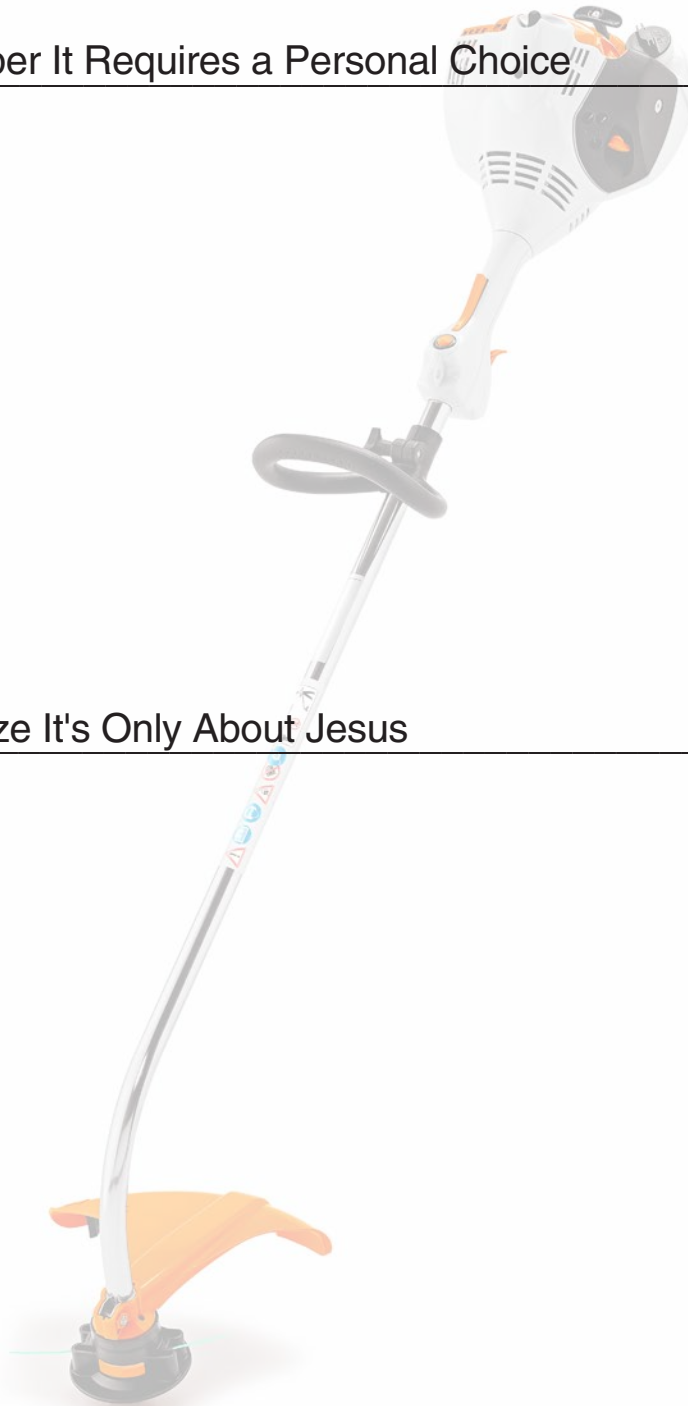


Avoiding The Weeds

“ How to Keep an Accurate View of The Gospel - Part 1 ”

1. Remember It Requires a Personal Choice vv. 9-13

2. Recognize It's Only About Jesus vv. 14-18



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/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 1:9-13. What does "blood" and "will of flesh mean"? How did the Jews' response to Jesus relate?
- How can a similar deception take place today? Give some examples. (e.g. church attendance, etc.)
- How does "grace upon grace" solve the issue? Why is Point #1 now required? How have you stepped into Point #1?

Point #2

- Read John 1:14-18. Explain the distinction being made between the "law" and Jesus. How do they relate?
- In what way did Jesus fulfill the law? How does this make the arrival of Jesus "Good News"? (The Gospel)
- What does understanding Point #2 prevent from happening when sharing the Gospel? How does this help you?

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.

MONDAY // Read John 1:9-11, 3-5, 5:1-16, 9:13-23, 12:35-36, Luke 13:34-35

- Why do you think John highlights that Jesus was rejected by "his own"? How was this also a warning?
- What does this imply about Jesus being a disrupter? How was Jesus addressing institutionalized religion?
- Why do you think the Jews have rejected Jesus even to this day? How does this adjust your view?

TUESDAY // Read John 1:12-13, 10:27-28, Matthew 16:24

- How was John addressing how the Jews viewed themselves? (i.e. God's chosen) Be specific.
- What does "blood" and "will of the flesh" mean in John 1:13? How is "choice" the replacement?
- How can this same deception take place today? (e.g. church attendance, etc.) What choice have you made?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 1:1, 14, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-20

- Explain how John 1:14 is a verse relating to Christmas. Who was Jesus before Christmas? Be specific.
- What does "only son" imply in the ancient culture in terms of Jesus' relationship to the Father?
- Why is this important in relating to the authority of Jesus? How does this elevate your perspective about Jesus?

THURSDAY // Read John 1:16-17, Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 5:17, 1 Corinthians 15:10-11, Ephesians 2:8-9

- Explain the distinction made between the law and Jesus. How do they relate to each other? (i.e. grace and truth)
- Why was this hard for the Jews to accept? How does this make the arrival of Jesus "Good News"?
- In what way does this even redefine legalism today? How does this adjust your approach to The Gospel?

FRIDAY // Read John 1:16-17, Colossians 1:15-20

- In what way does today's reading set Jesus apart from any other religions or historical religious leader?
- Why is this important to understand the Gospel? What does it prevent from happening? Be specific.
- How would you respond to someone who says they embrace all religions? Why won't Jesus let this happen?

SATURDAY // Read John 1:18, 10:30, Exodus 33:17-23, Colossians 1:15

- Most of us understand that God is invisible, yet scripture highlights we can also see him. How does this work?
- In what way do Christians today have an advantage over Moses? Be specific.
- How does this also set Christianity apart for other religions today? How does this encourage you?

MEDITATION VERSE: *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*

John 1:12