

The Ultimate Christmas Light

“ How to Brighten Up Your Whole Year ”

1. Keep Your Eyes On Jesus v. 12

2. Don't Let Pushback Throw You Off w. 13-20



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.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON NEW YEAR'S BREAK

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 8:12, Exodus 13:18-22, Psalm 27:1

- How does the Old Testament present light and darkness in terms of spiritual truth? Be specific.
- Given that Jesus was talking to the Pharisees in John 8:12, how would they have interpreted it?
- Why would this have been challenging? In what way can this same interpretation apply in today's culture?

TUESDAY // Read John 8:12, 1:2-5, 9, 1 John 1:5-7, Ephesians 5:8-10, Romans 13:1, Colossians 1:13

- Explain the difference between walking in darkness vs. walking in light. Why is this only a Christian truth?
- In what way does this relate to daily decision making? Give an example. Why is this important to understand?
- How does this truth encourage you to stay focused on Jesus throughout the year? What steps will you take?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 8:12, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 6:23, 2 Peter 1:19

- Given the Jews viewed the Old Testament as providing light for everyday life, how does this relate to Jesus?
- What does this imply about the importance of the New Testament in the life of every Christian today?
- How will you take this same perspective into 2023? Be specific. How can "Daily Devotions" help?

THURSDAY // Read John 8:13-17, Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15

- Why did the Pharisees tell Jesus "your testimony is not true"? How were they upholding the law?
- In what way did the response of Jesus uphold the law and challenge the Pharisees' viewpoint?
- What did Jesus demonstrate when it comes to responding to spiritual pushback? How does this help you?

FRIDAY // Read John 8:13-20, 15:18-19, Matthew 10:22

- What underlying motives did the Pharisees have when it came to the ministry of Jesus? (i.e. arrest Him)
- Why were they not successful in accomplishing their goals? How did this relate to God's timing and will?
- In what way does this relate to every Christian who tries to follow Jesus? How does this encourage you?

SATURDAY // Read John 8:12-20, Matthew 5:14-16, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

- Explain why living out the Christian life will have both a positive and a negative response on others.
- How can this be easier around Christmas time compared to the rest of the year? Be specific.
- What can happen if this truth isn't understood? (i.e., compromise, etc.) How does this prepare you for 2023?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹²Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12