

Consequences

“ What's at Stake if You Reject Jesus ”

1. Eternal Life vv. 21-24

2. You May Not Get Another Chance vv. 25-30



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 8:21-24. What would "die in your sins" have meant to a Pharisee? How did they respond?
- How does "from below" and "from above" relate? In what way does this reflect the truth of Point #1?
- Why is Point #1 important to clarify? What can happen if this consequence is avoided? What is the answer?

Point #2

- Read John 8:25-30. What was the result of Jesus being clear about the consequences for not "believing"?
- How did Jesus also present an urgency? (i.e., going away) Why is this important? How does this relate to Point #2?
- In what way does this truth relate to everyone? How does Point #2 motivate or encourage you? Be specific.

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 8:21-22, Genesis 9:5-6, Ezekiel 3:18-19, 18:18

- How would the Pharisees have understood Jesus' warning of "die in your sins"? What was Jesus implying?
- Why were the Pharisees at risk? How did the Pharisees try to turn it around with a statement about suicide?
- In what way can this same perspective occur with non-Christians today? Give an example. What is the answer?

TUESDAY // Read John 8:21-24, 44, 3:6, 1 John 5:19, Exodus 3:13-14

- Explain what Jesus meant by telling the Pharisees they were "from below". How does John 8:44 clarify it?
- Why did Jesus elevate himself with an "I am" statement in John 8:24? What was He trying to prevent?
- How do you see today's culture falling into the same trap? Give an example. Why is this important?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 8:21-24, 3:16-18, 14:6, Romans 10:8-11

- In your own words, explain the consequences Jesus is laying out to the Pharisees based on their rejecting Him.
- In what way does this also highlight the risk of rejecting the Gospel? How is this a sobering truth for you?
- What does this also highlight about the exclusivity of Jesus? How does this help clarify Jesus to you?

THURSDAY // Read John 8:25-27, 3:17, 34, 5:30, 36-37, Hebrews 11:6

- Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus "Who are you"? Why was it not an honest question? How did Jesus respond?
- In what way can continually asking questions actually be a form of rejection? Be specific.
- How does Hebrews 11:6 address those who use this tactic? How does this help encourage you?

FRIDAY // Read John 8:28, 3:14, Mark 10:45, 15:38-39, 1 Corinthians 1:18-19

- What did Jesus mean by saying he would be "lifted up"? (Hint: the cross) What would happen as a result?
- How did the Centurion in Mark 15:39 reflect this truth? Why would the Pharisees have missed this truth?
- In what way is the cross misinterpreted today? Why? How can discussing consequences help clarify?

SATURDAY // Read John 8:21-22, 25-30, Hebrews 9:27, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

- In what way did Jesus warn the Pharisees that time is running out? (i.e., going away) Why the warning?
- Why does this ultimately apply to everyone? (i.e., mortality) Why is this important to understand?
- How can younger people be more at risk than older people? How does this encourage or motivate you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²³He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."
John 8:23-24