

Proof is in the Pudding

“ How to Confirm Your Christianity ”

1. Your Behavior Will Change vv. 31-32

2. Jesus Will Feel Personal vv. 33-36



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 8:31-32. What did Jesus mean by "if you abide in my word"? What does it prove? Why?
- How does Point #1 relate? In what way does this happen to a Christian rather than a Christian making it happen?
- What can happen if Point #1 isn't properly understood? What has been your experience with Point #1? Be specific.

Point #2

- Read John 8:33-36. Explain the theological truth of becoming a child of God by becoming a Christian.
- How did Jesus highlight this truth in John 8:35? How does this relate to Point #2? Why is this important?
- What are some indicators of Point #2 taking place? (e.g., prayer, practicing sin, etc.) How is Point #2 confirming to 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 8:31, 15:5-10, 1 John 2:28-29, Matthew 28:19-20

- In your own words explain what it means to "abide". How did Jesus relate this to abiding in "my word"?
- In what ways can this be distinctly different than simply "believing"? (c.f., James 2:19) Be specific.
- Why is this important when it comes to proving if someone is a Christian or not? How does this clarify you?

TUESDAY // Read John 8:31-32, 15:11, 1 John 3:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, Titus 3:4-6

- Describe the spiritual transformation that takes place when someone becomes a Christian.
- How does this relate to the power of the Holy Spirit and freedom from sin? Be specific.
- How does this "happen" to a Christian rather than a Christian making it happen? What is your experience?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 8:33-34, 1 John 3:6-8, Romans 6:16-18, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 2 Peter 2:19

- Given the Israelites were enslaved multiple times throughout their history, what does John 8:33 reveal?
- In what ways did they misunderstand Jesus? Explain how a non-Christian is "enslaved" in sin.
- Explain how a Christian is "set free". What is the indicator of this happening? What are your indicators?

THURSDAY // Read John 8:33-36, Ephesians 1:5-6, 2:12-13, 1 Peter 2:9-10

- Explain what it means to become a child of God. Why should this make Jesus personal to every believer?
- What are some indicators of this happening? (e.g., prayer, practicing sin, etc.) Why is this important?
- How have you experienced Jesus in a personal way? Be specific. How does this make you feel?

FRIDAY // Read John 8:33-36, Isaiah 53:5, Galatians 4:6-7

- What was Jesus communicating with the slave/son metaphor in John 8:35? How does Galatians 4:6 support this truth?
- In what way would a slave always be doubting their place in a family unit compared to a family member?
- How confident are you in your place in the family of God? Be specific. What steps can you take to confirm?

SATURDAY // Read John 8:35-36, 10:27, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- In what way does the Parable of the Sower relate to John 8:35? (i.e., true and false Christianity)
- How does the metaphor of a shepherd in John 10:27 also relate? Why is this critically important to understand?
- After this week's study, how confident are you in your Christianity and walk with Jesus? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: ³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32