

Navigating the Options

“ What is Required to Become a Christian - Part 1 ”

1. It Starts with God Getting Your Attention vv. 27-33

2. You Must Make a Decision vv. 34-36a



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 SUMMER 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 12:27-35, Mark 14:32-36, 9:2-8, Matthew 3:16-17

- Why did Jesus say His soul was "troubled"? How does His prayer time in Gethsemane help clarify?
- In what way did God validate Jesus? How has this happened before? Why was this important?
- What does this highlight about obeying God and comfortable Christianity? How does this encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read John 12:31, 3:14-15, 14:30, 16:11, Ephesians 2:1-2, 6:12

- Who is the "ruler of this world"? Explain the spiritual victory that took place at the cross.
- How would the Christian life be different today if Satan wasn't defeated? (i.e., spiritual warfare)
- In what way have you overlooked this truth in your life? How does this truth encourage you in today's world?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 12:31-33, 6:44, 1:47-49, 2:1-11, 4:1-19, Ephesians 2:1-5

- Explain what Jesus meant by "drawing all people" to Himself. How did this happen to the disciples?
- Why does this need to happen for someone to become a Christian? (c.f., Ephesians 2:1-5)
- Why is this also important to recognize when it happens? How did this happen to you? Be specific.

THURSDAY // Read John 12:32-34, 23, Psalm 89:35-37, Isaiah 9:7, Daniel 7:11-14

- Why were the Jews confused about Jesus being the "son of man"? How did they misinterpret "lifted up"?
- In what way were they missing the central message of the Gospel and redemptive mission of Jesus?
- How can this be overlooked today when people are making a decision to become a Christian? Give an example.

FRIDAY // Read John 12:35-36a, Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-27

- What decision was Jesus challenging the crowd to make? In what way was it a yes or no decision?
- What does this reveal about the requirement for becoming a Christian? How did Jesus teach this during His ministry?
- How can this get confused today with going to church or being raised a Christian? Have you made a decision?

SATURDAY // Read John 12:36a, Romans 1:18-25

- In what way was Jesus highlighting an urgency for the crowd to make a decision? What would happen if they delayed?
- What does this highlight about God drawing people to Himself? (i.e., timing to respond)
- How is this a warning for every non-Christian? How might God be challenging you to respond today?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12:31-32