

It's Your Call

“ What is Required to Become a Christian - Part 2 ”

1. You Must Keep an Open Heart vv. 36b-41

2. You Must Count the Cost vv. 42-50



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 12:36b-38, Isaiah 53, Matthew 23:37-39

- How does John 12:38 support John 12:37? What does this highlight about the need for Isaiah 53 to be fulfilled?
- Why will unbelief always be part of sharing the Gospel? How does God feel about this truth? (Mt. 23:37-39)
- How does this help your perspective when talking to non-Christians about Jesus? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read John 12:39-40, Isaiah 6:10, Romans 1:24, 26, 28

- Explain the dynamic that takes place when someone continues to harden their heart toward God.
- How does "God gave them over" relate? In what way can this truth be misunderstood? Be specific.
- In what way is this a warning for every non-believer to keep an open heart? How does this challenge you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 12:37-41, Matthew 13:10-15, Luke 8:9-15, 1 John 2:19

- Why did Jesus start teaching in parables after He was well into His ministry? How does this relate to John 12:37-41?
- In what way does the Parable of the Sower also emphasize this truth? (i.e., open heart, types of seed, etc.)
- How can keeping an open heart, surrendered heart, and teachable heart apply to both Christians and non-Christians?

THURSDAY // Read John 12:42-43, 19:38-42, Acts 6:7, 15:1-5

- Why did John contrast the unbelieving crowd to some believing Pharisees? Why were the Pharisees challenged?
- What does Acts 15:1-5 highlight about the spiritual baggage that can take place? Be specific.
- In what way can these same challenges occur today? Give an example. How can you prevent this in your life?

FRIDAY // Read John 12:44-48, 3:16-17, Matthew 25:31-46

- Describe the purpose and mission of Jesus and His coming 2000 years ago. How will it be different at His return?
- In what way did Jesus try to build credibility with the crowd He was speaking to in John 12:44-48?
- How was it also a warning? Why do most non-Christians today avoid this truth? Why is this critically important?

SATURDAY // Read John 12:49-50, 14:6, Matthew 10:28, 23:15, 2 Peter 2:4-9

- What is eternally at stake when a non-Christian decides to follow Jesus? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about counting the cost? How can this get lost today? (e.g. deconstruction)
- How does reframing the Gospel in terms of a commandment challenge deconstruction? How does it challenge you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁴⁶*I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.*

John 12:46