

The SOP's

“ Understanding the Spiritual Battle - Part 2 ”

1. Remember the Opposition Will Be Accountable John 15:22-25

2. Don't Back Down from Sharing Jesus John 15:26-16:1



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 15:22-25. Why did Jesus encourage the disciples that the opposition will be held to account?
- Why would Point #1 be an encouragement? How might they have been tempted to respond without this truth?
- In what way can you be tempted to impose your own justice toward non-Christians? How does Point #1 adjust you?

Point #2

- Read John 15:26-16:1. How did Jesus encourage the disciples to fulfill the Great Commission? (Matthew 28:9-20)
- Why might they have been hesitant to "bear witness"? How would verse 26 have helped them to step into Point #2?
- How often do you "bear witness"? What does this say about a spiritual battle? How can your Grow Group help 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 15:22-23, Matthew 23:1-36

- Explain the truth behind John 15:22. What does this highlight about accountability and the spiritual battle?
- In what way can those who oppose Jesus still claim to follow God? Give an example.
- How can this happen today? Why is this important to recognize in light of the spiritual battle? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read John 15:24-25, 8:31-41, Hebrews 2:1-4, Matthew 11:21-24, Psalm 35:19

- If you remove the miracles of Jesus from His ministry, what ultimately happens to His authority? Be specific.
- What does Jesus say takes place when people attempt to do this? How does this relate to a spiritual battle?
- In what way do you see this taking place today? How does the warning from Jesus help you to not bog down?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 15:22-25, Romans 12:19-21, Matthew 13:24-30, Hebrews 10:26-31

- Why does Jesus encourage the disciples that those who oppose them and the Gospel will be held to account?
- How might they have been tempted to react? Why? What does this highlight about the temptations of the enemy?
- How can you be tempted to impose your own justice toward those who reject the Gospel? How will you avoid this?

THURSDAY // Read John 15:26, 14:7, 14:16-17, Acts 1:7-8

- In what way would the promise of a "helper" (Holy Spirit) have been an encouragement to the disciples?
- Why is the work of the Holy Spirit necessary in a spiritual battle? How will the Holy Spirit actually "bear witness"?
- How does Acts 1:7-8 play into it? What does this imply takes place when you share your faith with non-Christians?

FRIDAY // Read John 15:27-16:1, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:1-14

- In what way did Jesus hold the disciples accountable to the Great Commission? Why might they have bailed out?
- In what way did Peter demonstrate the interaction with the Holy Spirit and a responsibility to share the Gospel?
- What does this imply about your role in the spiritual battle to "bear witness"? What changes do you need to make?

SATURDAY // Read John 15:22-16:1, John 3:1-13, 7:45-52, 19:38-39

- As you read the account of Nicodemus the Pharisee, how does he demonstrate an open heart to truth?
- In what way was this different than the other Pharisees? Why is this important to recognize?
- How does this week's study help you with SOP's needed to handle today's spiritual battle? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁶*But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.* ²⁷*And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.*
John 15:26-27