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“ Understanding the Spiritual Battle - Part 3 ”

1. It May Feel Like You're Losing w. 2-7a

2. Remember, You're Not Alone w. 7b-11



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 16:2-7. Without this warning by Jesus, how might the disciples have misinterpreted their future challenges?
- How does this relate to Point #1? Why is this important to understand when it comes to a spiritual battle?
- How might you have misinterpreted the spiritual battle in your life? How does Point #1 motivate or encourage you?

Point #2

- Read John 16:8-11. In your own words, explain the role of the Holy Spirit. How does this relate to sharing the Gospel?
- Why is this important when it comes to the spiritual battle? How does Point #2 encourage you? Be specific.
- Based on last week's Grow Group accountability question, tell your group how it went. How did the Holy Spirit work?

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 16:2-3, Acts 7:51-8:3, 22:3-11

- In what way did Saul of Tarsus demonstrate the type of spiritual battle that Jesus said will take place?
- How does this ultimately demonstrate a hardened heart? What did it take for Saul to change?
- How have you seen this type of hardened heart in non-Christians? How does Saul's experience provide hope?

TUESDAY // Read John 16:2-7a, 4:37, Matthew 10:34-38

- In what way did Jesus prepare the disciples for a spiritual battle that will take place when He leaves? Be specific.
- How could they have misread their experiences without the warning? Why is this important for Christians to see?
- How could this also relate to the Gospel process of reaping and sowing? How does this help motivate you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 16:2-7a, Acts 11:22-28

- In what way was Paul's life and ministry a living example of the warning Jesus gave to His disciples?
- How might you have misinterpreted Paul's sufferings in light of winning a spiritual battle? (i.e., winning vs. losing)
- How does this challenge the way you currently live for Jesus and share with others? What steps can you take today?

THURSDAY // Read John 16:7b, 15:26-27, 14:16-20, 25-26

- Given Jesus told His disciples to be His witnesses, what does it imply that He is sending them the Holy Spirit?
- In what way do the names of the Holy Spirit (e.g., helper, Spirit of truth, counselor) highlight this truth?
- How does this relate to the spiritual battle taking place when sharing the Gospel? How does this encourage you?

FRIDAY // Read John 16:8-11, Acts 2:37, 1 Peter 3:18, Colossians 2:13-15, 1 Thessalonians 1:5

- In your own words, explain the role of the Holy Spirit when the Gospel is being shared. (i.e., convict, judge, etc.)
- What does this reveal about your ability to lead someone to Jesus? Why is this important to remember?
- When was the last time you talked to a non-Christian about Jesus? Why? How would the Holy Spirit help you?

SATURDAY // Read John 16:8-11, Acts 2:1-41

- What impresses you about the Holy Spirit's arrival? How did the misunderstanding provide a Gospel opportunity?
- In what way did Peter preaching the Gospel demonstrate the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16:8-11? Be specific.
- What was the result? What does this teach you about living for Jesus? How does this adjust your current approach?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11