

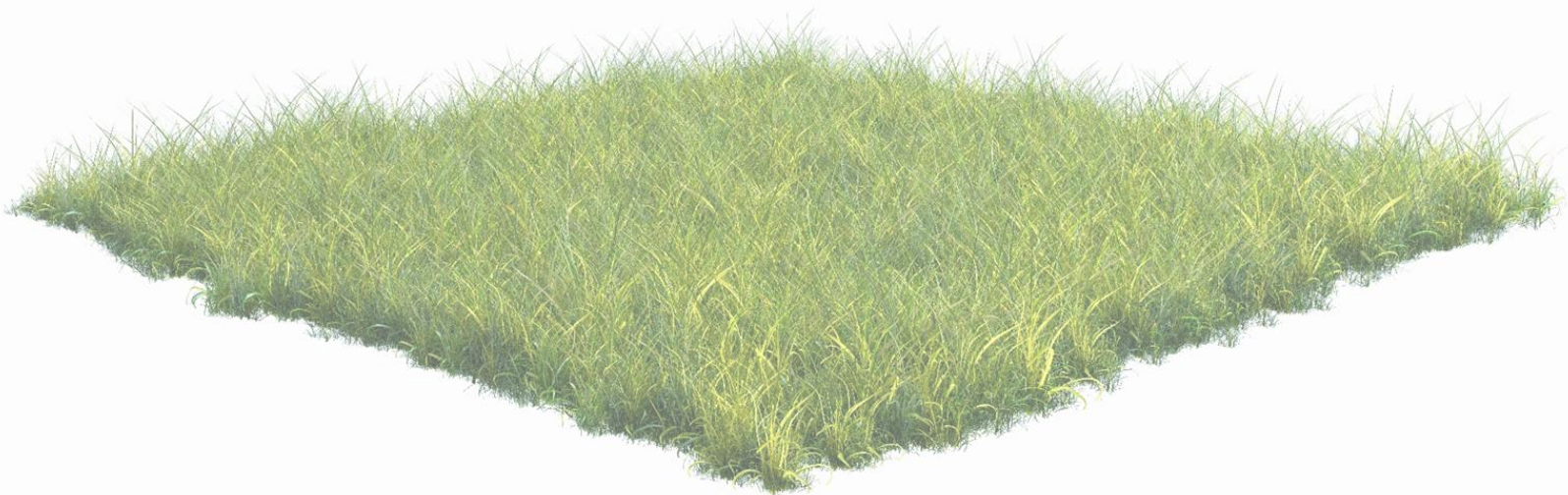
Green Grass?

“ How to Recognize a Real Christian - Part 1 ”

1. They Reflect a Desire to Change v. 6

2. They Have a Developing Faith vv. 7-8

3. Other Will Confirm It vv. 9-10



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 17:6. Given the disciples were not perfect people, what did Jesus mean that they "kept" God's word?
- How does this relate to Point #1? Why is the distinction between performance and attitude important to make?

Point #2

- Read John 17:7-8. Why did Jesus make a distinction between receiving God's word and coming to know the truth?
- How does Point #2 relate? Why is this important given the truth of Heb.11:6? How does this encourage/adjust you?

Point #3

- Read John 17:9-10. What did Jesus mean by He would be "glorified" in the disciples? (i.e., Holy Spirit)
- How does it confirm their Christianity? What does it also imply about Point #3? How have you experienced this truth?

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 17:6, 6:44, 13:36-38, 14:8-11, 16:29-33, Hebrews 12:6, Ephesians 1:13-14

- Explain how God "gave" the disciples to Jesus. How can this also highlight the work of the Holy Spirit?
- In what way had they "kept" God's word given Jesus needed to correct and confront them during their meal?
- How does this highlight attitude over behavior and being a real Christian? How does this encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read John 17:6, 13:21-27, 16:8, 9:13-15, Matthew 7:22-23, 23:25-28

- Why do you think Jesus had such a problem with the Pharisees, given they represented God? (Hint: loopholes)
- How did they demonstrate an unwillingness to change? (e.g. Sabbath rules) What does this say about their heart?
- In what way can this happen in churches today? Why is it dangerous? Explain why this isn't true Christianity.

WEDNESDAY // Read John 17:7-8, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:4-5, Galatians 2:16

- Explain the difference between the disciples receiving God's word and "coming to know the truth". (i.e., faith)
- Why is this distinction important? What does it highlight about how faith grows and develops? Be specific.
- Why will this always be a key indicator for someone claiming to be a Christian? How does this help you?

THURSDAY // Read John 17:8, Matthew 14:22-31, Hebrews 11:7-11

- Why do you think Peter wanted to come to Jesus on the water? How did Jesus respond? What happened?
- In what way did Peter demonstrate this process of developing faith? Why will it always include struggle & doubt?
- How do you see faith developing in your life over the past year? What are some ways you can practice now?

FRIDAY // Read John 17:9-10, 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 3:4-6

- In what way does the comment Jesus made about being "glorified" in the disciples highlight the work of the Holy Spirit?
- What does this imply about claiming to be a Christian with your words rather than by your life? Be specific.
- Why will this always be the case when it comes to being a real Christian? How have you experienced this truth?

SATURDAY // Read John 17:10, 15:1-8, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- In what way does verse 10 also relate to Jesus' prior teaching about the vine and the branch? Be specific.
- How does it relate to the Parable of the Sower? Be specific. Why is this the key to recognizing a real Christian?
- Explain how this has taken place in your life? How has the testimony of others confirmed you? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. **John 17:9-10**