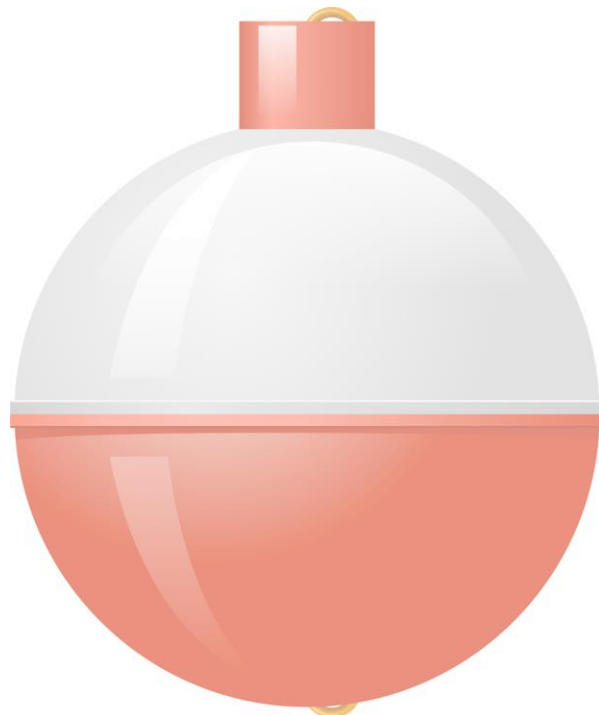


The Indicator

“ How to Recognize a True Believer ”

1. There's a Boldness for Jesus w. 31-38

2. There's a Personal Relationship with Jesus w. 39-42



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 19:31-37, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Numbers 9:11-12, Zechariah 12:10

- Why does John once again refer to scripture when it comes to the crucifixion of Jesus? (c.f. John 19:24, 28)
- How does this relate to credibility? In what way does John 19:35 also provide credibility?
- How does this encourage you? How does this help you respond to those who would question the crucifixion?

TUESDAY // Read John 19:38, Mark 15:43, Matthew 27:57, Luke 23:50-51, Matthew 10:32-33, 5:14-16

- Explain why Joseph may have been hesitant to be associated to Jesus. How did that change when Jesus died?
- What was Joseph now willing to risk? What does this highlight about him being a true believer?
- When you consider your faith in Jesus, what have you been willing to risk? How does this confirm or convict?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 19:38, Matthew 13:18-23

- Explain how Joseph's request for Jesus' body would have confirmed his faith in Jesus.
- How might a non-believer have reacted? In what way does the parable of the soils highlight this same truth?
- How can you be tempted to hide your faith? Why? How can you be bolder about Jesus today? Be specific.

THURSDAY // Read John 19:39, 3:1-21, 7:40-52

- Explain the progression you see in Nicodemus transitioning from being a seeker to a believer. (Hint: night vs. day)
- What does Nicodemus bringing 75 lbs. of spices to anoint Jesus' body, highlight about his devotion to Him?
- How is this different from the first time he met Jesus? In what way do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?

FRIDAY // Read John 19:40-42, Matthew 10:27-28

- Given the Romans would have just disregarded a crucified body, how did Joseph and Nicodemus show respect?
- What does this highlight about how they viewed Jesus in terms of a family member or personal connection?
- What does this also reveal about being a real Christian? (i.e., sheep, shepherd) How does this encourage you?

SATURDAY // Read John 19:40-42, 3:5, 4:23-24, 16:7-8, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 13:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- What did Jesus mean by telling Nicodemus he must be "born again"? How does this relate to becoming a Christian?
- Why is this important when it comes to being a "true" Christian? How can this get confused today? Be specific.
- If you use prayer, worship, and conviction of sin to measure your Christianity, what do you see to move forward?

MEDITATION VERSE: *⁵Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!*

2 Corinthians 13:5