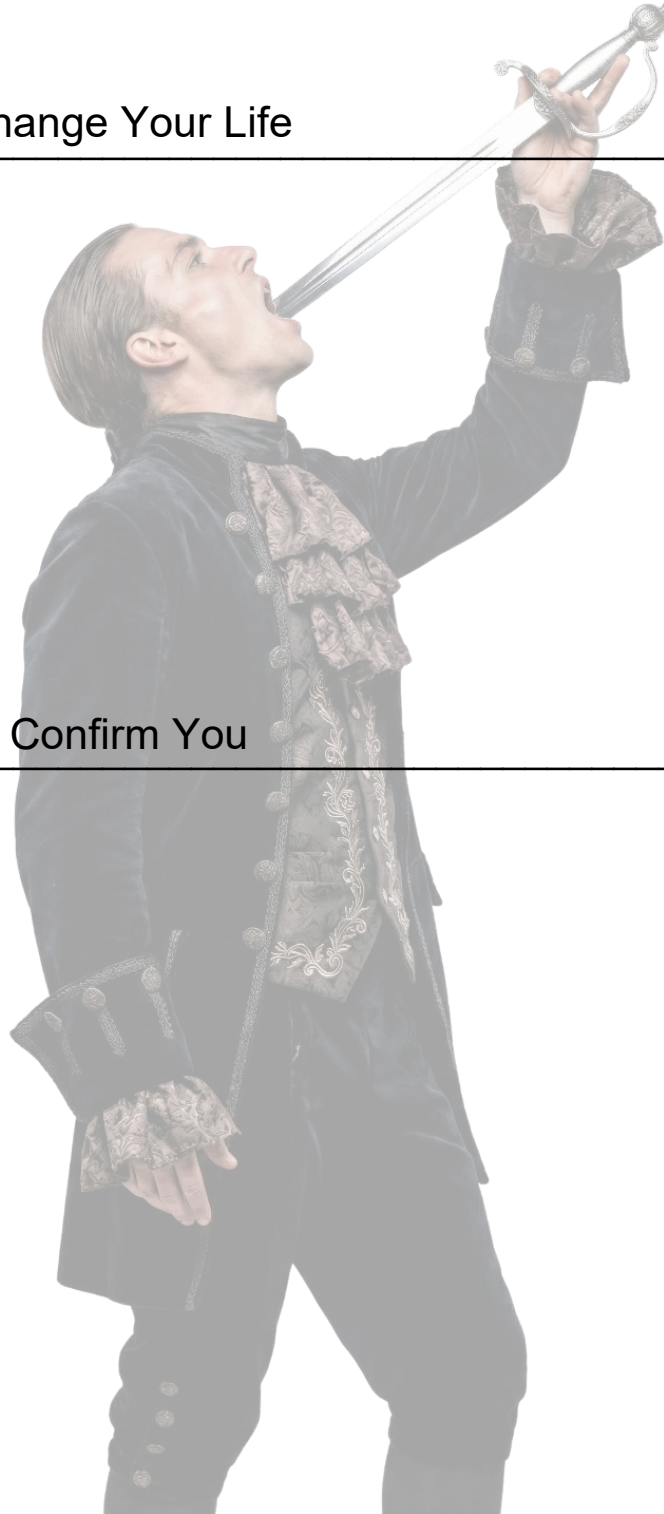


Believe It or Not?

“ How to Know if Your Christianity is Real ”

1. God Will Change Your Life vv. 19b-22

2. People Will Confirm You vv. 23-31



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 Acts 9:19b-22. Explain how Paul changed as a result of his Damascus encounter with Jesus.
- How does this highlight the truth of Point #1? What does "immediately" imply in verse 20? Why is this important?
- How do you relate to Point #1? (i.e., motives, values, conviction, etc.) Share some highlights with the group.

Point #2

- Read Acts 9:23-31. How did the Hebraic and Grecian Jews respond to Saul preaching the Gospel?
- How did the disciples ultimately respond? What does this highlight about Point #2? (i.e., positive or negative)
- What has been your experience with Point #2? What does this teach you about your Christianity being real?

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 2 Corinthians 13:5, Ephesians 2:8-10

- Explain the challenge that the Apostle Paul lays out in today's reading. Why is this important? Be specific.
- What can stepping into this challenge prevent in terms of unbiblical assumptions?
- How does this challenge make you feel? What are some ways you can be open to the process this week?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 9:19b-22, 1:8, Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

- How did Saul change as a result of his encounter with Jesus? Be specific. Why does "immediately" matter?
- What does this highlight about the Holy Spirit and becoming a Christian? What does this often look like?
- How do you pass the test? If you're challenged by this question, spend time asking God for direction.

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 9:19b-22, John 3:1-7

- Given Nicodemus was a religious leader, what proof did Jesus present in order for him to go to heaven?
- Being a Pharisee, how might this have surprised Nicodemus? How did Saul demonstrate this same truth?
- What has been your conversion experience with God? How does it provide spiritual proof for you?

THURSDAY // Read Acts 9:23-25, Galatians 1:15-18, 2 Corinthians 11:32-33

- After Saul started to preach the Gospel in the synagogues, how did the Jews ultimately respond? Why?
- What does this highlight about Saul's conversion? In what way did this highlight his conversion was real?
- How does the world respond to your walk with Jesus? Be specific. What does this teach you about you?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 9:26-28, Galatians 1:18

- Why were the disciples skeptical of Saul's conversion? How did it ultimately get resolved?
- How did both Barnabas and Cephus (Peter) play a part in building trust? What proof was required?
- What does this highlight about a fruitful Christian life? How would you describe your spiritual fruit?

SATURDAY // Read Acts 9:29-31, 9:15-16, 22:17-20, Matthew 5:13-15, John 15:19

- Why was Saul promised by God that he would be persecuted for spreading the Gospel?
- How does this relate to being salt and light? In what way did Jesus promise this to every Christian?
- What does this reveal about your faith in Jesus? Ask God to show you the truth and how to respond?

MEDITATION VERSE: *¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God...* **2 Corinthians 5:17-18a**