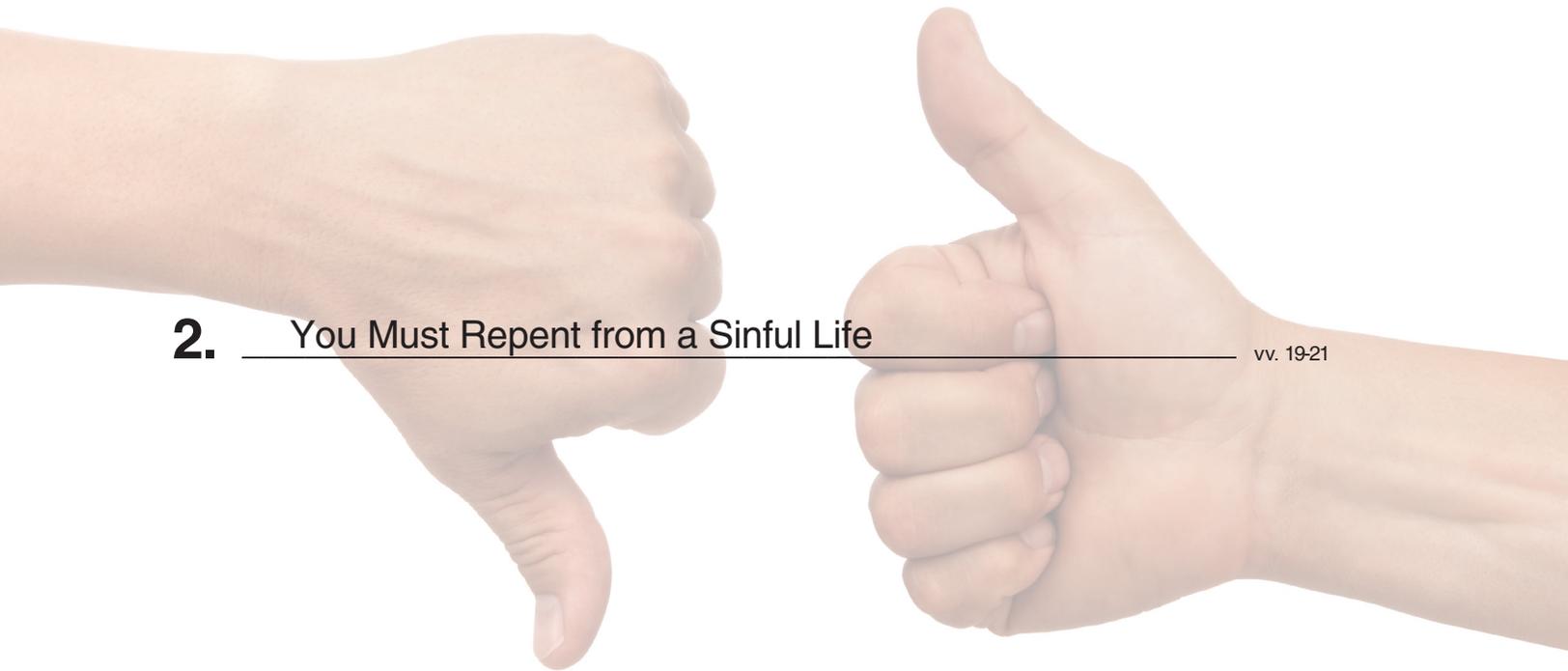


Winners & Losers

“ Straight Talk from Jesus About Going to Heaven ”

1. You Must Trust Him as Your Savior vv. 13-18

2. You Must Repent from a Sinful Life vv. 19-21



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 3:13-18. In what way did Jesus come on a rescue mission for mankind? What motivated His mission?
- What would have happened if Jesus had never come? How would Point #1 have challenged Nicodemus?
- How can this be challenging today? Give an example. How does Point #1 encourage or challenge you?

Point #2

- John 3:19-21. Explain the metaphor Jesus used regarding light and darkness. How does this relate to heaven?
- How does Point #2 highlight a confirmation of saving faith? Why is this an initial and ongoing process for Christians?
- What has been your experience with this truth? Be specific. How is God prompting you to step into Point #2?

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 3:13-15, Proverbs 30:4, Numbers 21:1-9, John 8:28-30

- How would Nicodemus have processed Jesus' statement about descending to earth and ascending into heaven?
- What did Jesus mean by being "lifted up"? How does this relate to Moses? Be specific.
- In what way would this have challenged Nicodemus' perspective on heaven? What does this teach you?

TUESDAY // Read John 3:16-17, 14:6, Mark 10:45, Acts 4:11-12, Romans 5:12-19, 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9

- In what way did Jesus come on a rescue mission? What was the motivation behind His mission?
- What does this imply about the requirement for going to heaven? How does this clarify man's inability?
- How does this also help explain a "Jesus only" approach for going to heaven? How does this encourage you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 3:18, Ephesians 2:1-4, Romans 7:15-20, 8:1-11

- What did Jesus mean by telling Nicodemus that people are already "condemned"? How did this relate to Nicodemus?
- What does this also imply when people say they were raised in a Christian home and were essentially born a Christian?
- Why is this important when talking about going to heaven? What does this imply about winners and losers?

THURSDAY // Read John 3:19-21, 1:9-13, 8:12, Genesis 3:1-8

- Explain the metaphor Jesus used regarding light and darkness and going to heaven. Why will this be a challenge?
- How did Jesus address the root desire? In what way does this go back to Adam and Eve? (i.e., shame)
- How do you see this taking place in culture today? Give an example. Why will heaven ultimately require a choice?

FRIDAY // Read John 3:19-21, Acts 2:37-38, James 2:17-19

- Explain the dynamic that must take place between faith and repentance in order to go to heaven.
- Why is this important? What can happen if this isn't properly understood? How does James 2:19 relate?
- In what way does repentance also prove saving faith? What has been your experience with this truth?

SATURDAY // Read John 3:19-21, 1 John 1:5-9, Colossians 1:21

- Explain the difference between repentance and legalism. Why is this distinction important to understand?
- In what way is repentance an ongoing requirement for every Christian? How does it also confirm saving faith?
- How often do you repent and ask God for forgiveness? Why? How is God prompting you to come to Him?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.