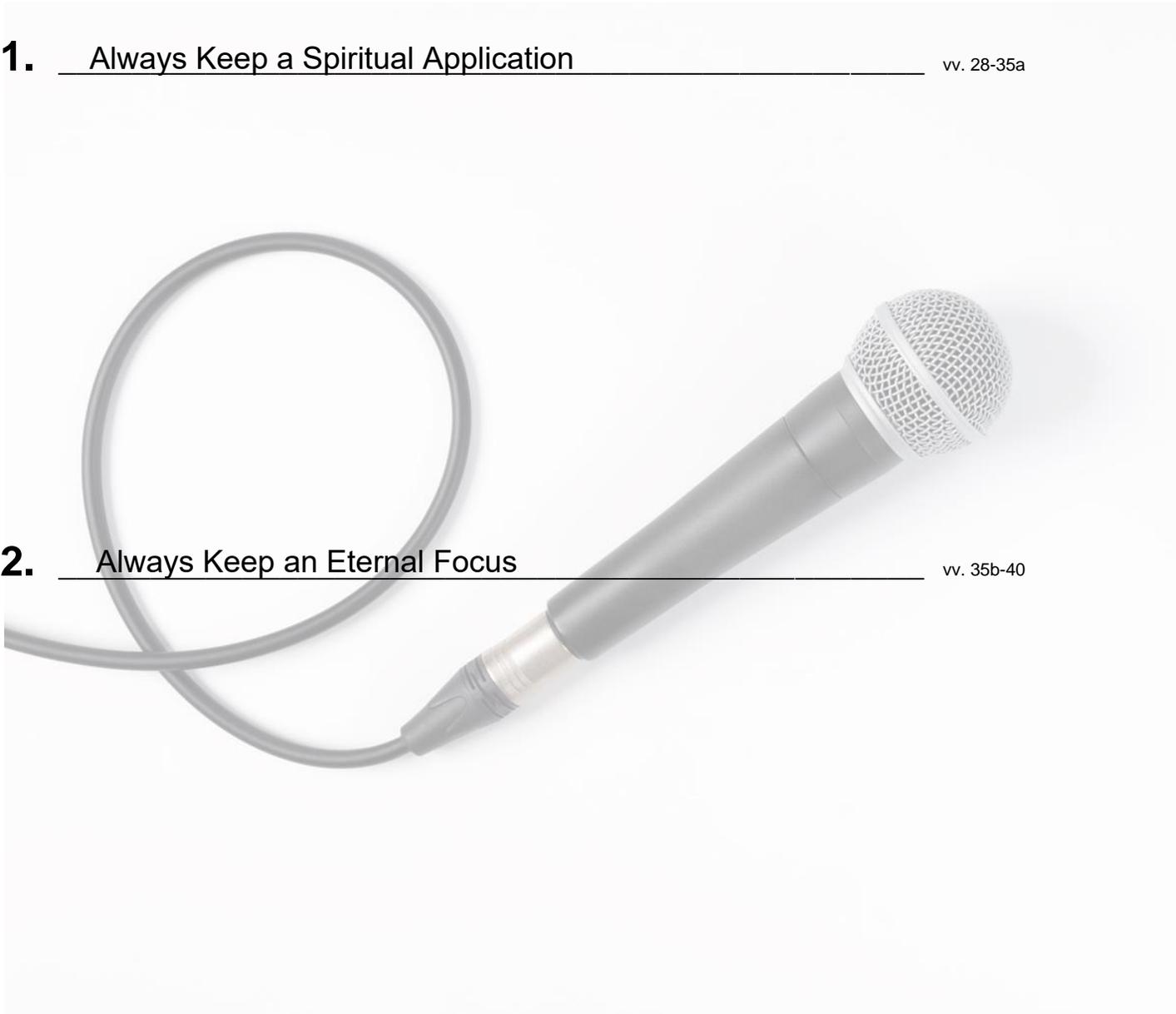


Communication Challenge

“ How to Protect the Teachings of Jesus in Today's Political World ”

1. Always Keep a Spiritual Application vv. 28-35a

2. Always Keep an Eternal Focus vv. 35b-40



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 6:28-35. Given Jesus had just fed 5,000 men, why did the crowd ask Him for a "sign"?
- What does this reveal about their perspective for being saved? How did Jesus demonstrate Point #1?
- How can Point #1 also protect the Gospel in today's political environment? How does this protect you?

Point #2

- Read John 6:36-40. Given the crowd was politically motivated (c.f. John 6:15), how did they misinterpret Jesus?
- How can the same thing happen in today's political environment? Why is this critically important to recognize?
- How does Point #2 protect against this mistake? In what way does Point #2 cause you to double-check your approach?

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 6:28-31, Exodus 16:4, Psalm 78:24-29, 105:40-42, Nehemiah 9:15

- Why did the crowd ask Jesus for a "sign" given He had just miraculously fed 5,000 men?
- How did this relate to Moses? Be specific. What does this highlight about their leadership ambitions for Jesus?
- How can this same perspective occur when it comes to the Gospel in today's political environment? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read John 6:31-35, 4:13-14, 3:1-6

- In what way did Jesus have to correct the woman at the well and the crowd in the same way?
- How did this same thing occur with Nicodemus? What does this highlight about the spiritual application of the Gospel?
- Why is this important to always keep in mind? Take some time to pray about this. How does this adjust you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 6:28-35, 4:7-14, Exodus 15:22-27, 16:15-17, 17:5-7

- How did Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well and feeding the 5,000 relate to a Jewish perspective?
- What does this highlight about presenting the Gospel in a relevant way? How can this also be dangerous?
- Given Jesus had to correct the woman and the crowd, what does it reveal about your role to protect the Gospel?

THURSDAY // Read John 6:36-39, Ephesians 1:11-14, James 2:5

- Given Jesus told the crowd many times they must believe, what does this teach about responding to the Gospel?
- What does it mean when Jesus said in John 6:37, "the father gives to me"? (Hint: God's sovereignty)
- How is belief and God's sovereignty in tension when it comes to the Gospel? Why are both important?

FRIDAY // Read John 6:37-38, 10:28-30, Romans 8:1, 1 Peter 1:3-5

- What does "I will never cast out" in John 6:37 mean? How does this relate to "no condemnation" in Romans 8:1?
- Why is this a critical truth for believers? How can this be an encouragement during spiritual struggles?
- In what way does this highlight the power of the Gospel? How does this encourage you? Be specific.

SATURDAY // Read John 6:38-40, 3:16-17, 14:1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:19

- Given the crowd was politically motivated (c.f. John 6:15), how did they misunderstand the Gospel?
- How can this same thing happen today? Give an example. Why is this critically important to recognize?
- In what way can this mistake be prevented? How does this cause you to double-check your approach?

MEDITATION VERSE: *⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."* **John 6:40**