

I.D. Check

“ How to Avoid a Fake Jesus - Part 2 ”

1. Steer Clear of the Boring Prophet vv. 37-39

2. Watch Out for the Inept Messiah vv. 40-52



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 7:37-39. What does "rivers of living water" highlight about the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?
- In what way was Jesus challenging the audience's view of a fake Jesus? How does Point #1 relate? Be specific.
- How have you seen people today create a boring Jesus? What is the result? How is Point #1 a warning for you?

Point #2

- Read John 7:40-52. In what way did the local leaders think they were in control and could outsmart Jesus?
- What does this highlight about Point #2? How can this same thing happen with Christians or non-Christians today?
- How can prayer be an indicator if Point #2 is taking place? How does Point #2 currently challenge you? Be specific.

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 7:37-38, Leviticus 23:40-41, Proverbs 4:23, Isaiah 44:3, 55:1, Joel 3:18, Zech. 14:8

- Based on today's reading, how would the Jews have viewed "water" both literally and metaphorically?
- In what way would the festival of Tabernacles have provided a great context for Jesus in John 7:37-38?
- What does this highlight about the way Jesus speaks to peoples' hearts? How does this spiritually encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read John 7:37-39, 4:7-15

- In what way was the offer of Jesus to both Jews and the woman at the well similar or different?
- Explain what the offer and promise entails? Be specific. Describe an example of how this takes place.
- What does this highlight about the work of God in the life of a believer? How have you experienced this truth?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 7:37-39, 3:3, 14:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:13-14

- What does "living water" reveal in relationship to the ministry of the Holy Spirit? What does "rivers" imply?
- In what way does this relate to the metaphor of being "born again"? How has this been your experience?
- How do you think this challenges the world's perspective about Jesus? What does it reveal about a fake Jesus?

THURSDAY // Read John 7:40-52, 2 Kings 14:25, Nahum 1:1, 1 Kings 17:1

- How did the religious leaders display both pride and arrogance toward Jesus? (i.e., trying to take control)
- How did they lie about prophets from Galilee to prove their point? How did they underestimate Jesus?
- What does this reveal about a fake Jesus? (i.e., inept) How have you seen this happen today? Give an example.

FRIDAY // Read John 7:47-52, Matthew 6:30-34, 10:29-31, Philippians 4:6

- How does scripture instruct Christians to handle the anxiety and worry of everyday life?
- What will this approach reveal about Christians slipping into an "inept" perspective of Jesus? Be specific.
- As you reflect on your prayer life, what does it reveal about a fake Jesus? How do you need to adjust?

SATURDAY // Read John 7:40-52, Ephesians 3:20-21

- Clearly the religious leaders thought they could outsmart Jesus. What does this reveal about self-confidence?
- Living in Orange County, how could a similar perspective be adopted? How does it ultimately lead to a fake Jesus?
- Ponder today's reading in light of trusting Jesus to work in your life. How does this challenge you?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "**John 7:37-38**