

SERMON OUTLINE John 12:44-50

Remember Why You Should Believe in Jesus

JESUS CRIED OUT (44)

JESUS CRIED OUT A FAMILIAR MESSAGE

JESUS CRIED OUT ABOUT WHY WE SHOULD BELIEVE IN JESUS

Believing in Jesus is right because He is one with the Father (44-45, 49-50)

1. *He informed the crowd that believing in Him was believing in the Father (44 and 7:16; 10:37-38).*
2. *Jesus informed the crowd that believing in Him was right because He was sent by the Father (44).*
3. *Jesus informed the crowds that to see Him was to see the Father (45).*
4. *Jesus spoke only on the Father's authority (49)*
5. *Jesus spoke only the words given to Him by the Father (49, 50b)*

Believing in Jesus is good since He is light and reveals the path out of darkness (46)

Believing in Jesus is wise since by it we will escape judgment (47-48; 3:17, 8:15)

Believing in Jesus is necessary since His obedience to the Father's command is eternal life (50a; 8:31, 52)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that believing in Jesus is right, good, wise, and necessary. And the main takeaway is to work diligently (in the Spirit's power and with the means of grace God has given us) to remember these things at all times, in order that we might live in light of them at all times.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever "cried out" (publically lifted your voice in urgency) about something? Why/why not? How did people respond?
3. Have you ever forgotten to remember God's promises?
4. Had you ever considered the repeated commands of God to remember and not forget His commands? What do you think of the fact that God has given His people things to remember His commands? Which gift of remembrance have you found most helpful? If you had a friend ask you, "Why should I believe in Jesus?," what would you tell them?
5. Do you believe in Jesus? If so, why? If not, why not?
6. Which of the reasons Jesus gave for why we should believe in Him do you find most helpful/compelling?
7. Can you remember a time in which you were sent to represent someone with more authority than you? What happened?
8. Have you ever misrepresented the authority of another? What happened?
9. If you had to pick one of right, good, wise, or necessary, which would you pick? Why?
10. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
12. Explain to someone why they should believe in Jesus this week.
13. Memorize the Fighter Verse this week.
14. Speak boldly about an urgent matter this week.
15. Create something to help you remember the promises of God in John 12:44-50.
16. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
17. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for being perfect in all He says and does. Praise God for being eternal life. Praise God for being light. Praise God for bringing just judgment. Praise God for being our savior. Praise God for being good, beautiful, and true.
19. Confess. Confess any times you forgot to remember the promises and commands of God this past week. Confess any ways you've remained silent when you should have cried out. Confess any disbelief in Jesus. Confess any times you rejected something right, good, wise, or necessary in favor of something wrong, bad, foolish, or unnecessary.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for making a way (Jesus!) for you to be made right with Him. Thank God that He opened your eyes to the gospel. Thank God for the times the Spirit has helped you remember this week. Thank God for eternal life.
21. Supplication. Ask God to grant sight to an unbeliever in your life. Ask God to help our church remember God's faithfulness and promises. Ask God to help our church "cry out" whenever we should.