

SERMON OUTLINE John 7:1-13

Not Even His Brothers Believed

MY TIME HAS NOT YET COME (1, 6, 8)

NOT EVEN HIS BROTHERS BELIEVED (2-9)

OBEDIENT JESUS (10-13)

CONFUSED CROWDS

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main thrust of the passage and sermon is that our God reigns! This leads to faithful obedience for all who believe and growing hostility for all who don't. Therefore, the main takeaways for us are to trust wholly in God and boldly live that out every minute of every day, regardless of how the godless respond. We see an example of that in Jesus and an example of not that in Jesus' brothers and the Jewish crowds.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you thought much about the nature of God's rule over the universe? As you do, do you find yourself more encouraged, confused, frustrated, or something else? How have you experienced God's reign?
3. How familiar are you with the timeline of Jesus' ministry? How has our time in John helped you to see why that's important?
4. Did you ever notice Jesus' claim that His time had not yet come? Do you have any ideas on why God's timing was what it was? Have you ever wished God's timing was different than it is?
5. Have you ever had a time when someone didn't believe you in an important matter? How did that feel? What did you do?
6. Does it surprise you to hear that Jesus' own brothers didn't believe in Him at this point? Why/not?
7. Is there anyone in your life who is not happy with you because you love Jesus and believe the Bible?
8. Have you ever felt pressured to go along with something contrary to what God's Word says? What did you do?
9. Do you feel prepared to respond to people who are confused about issues of life, male/female, morality, government, etc.?
10. Do you feel more like the disciples, brothers, Pharisees, or crowds? Why?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Learn what "worldview" is. Ask for help to develop a thoroughly Christian worldview. Consider watching "The Truth Project" or something like it.
13. Talk with people in your DG about how they have done a good and poor job of navigating life in a decreasingly Christian world.
14. Spend some time this week writing down and praying over God's promises of comfort and victory through hardship.
15. Put together a playlist of songs celebrating the goodness of hoping wholly in God.
16. Share the gospel with one non-Christian this week.
17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for His perfect reign! Praise Jesus for being perfectly obedient. Praise the Spirit for giving new life!
19. Confess. Confess any ways you've resented God's timing. Confess any ways you've believed or wanted Jesus to be different than He is. Confess any ways you've been cowardly or unloving in your engagement with the unbelieving world.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His goodness. Thank God for giving us so much help (in His Word and from His people) to understand the world and our place in it. Thank God for the examples of faithful men and women in life and godliness.
21. Supplication. Ask God to give us trust and patience in His timing. Ask God to give His people winsome boldness in our engagement with the world. Ask the Spirit to help us see, love, and obey Jesus as He truly is.