

SERMON OUTLINE John 2:23-25

Faithless Faith

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How the People Responded – Many Trusted Him (23)

How Jesus Responded – Not Entrusted to Many (24)

(1) How do we know the people of v.23 had insufficient faith?

(2) How did Jesus know they had insufficient faith?

(3) What kind of faith is sufficient?

(4) Where does that kind of faith come from?

(5) Who does Jesus entrust Himself to?

TRULY GOD AND TRULY MAN (24B-25)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big ideas of this passage are that only genuine trust in Jesus connects us with the saving grace of God and that genuine trust in Jesus comes only from Jesus entrusting Himself to us. And the main take-away from all of this is a fresh reminder of our dependence on God and a fresh call to be people of unceasing prayer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Why do some people see Jesus, hear His teaching, or witness His signs and have their whole lives changed, while others are indifferent, angry, or even entertained for a moment before walking away unmoved?
3. Do you think your faith would be different if you could see or hear Jesus personally? What about if you could see Him perform a miracle? How do you think it would be different?
4. Think about the biggest skeptic you know. What do they think it would take for them to believe? What does this passage say about their answer?
5. Have you ever thought about faithless faith, unbelieving belief, or trustless trust? Where have you had or seen it? How do you overcome it?
6. How would you put v.24 into your own words? *"Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people"*
7. What kinds of insufficient conduits of grace have you encountered? Why are they so tempting?
8. How would you define genuine belief/faith/trust? Where does it come from?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Share the gospel with someone this week.
11. Pick a specific passage that speaks to our dependence on God and pray through it this week.
12. Be as intentional as possible in looking out for, writing down, and sharing as many evidences of God's grace as you can.
13. Spend some time studying God's role and our role in conversion and spiritual growth.
14. Connect with one other person this week to encourage each other in your faith and pray for one another.
15. 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

16. Adoration. Praise God for being a God of miracles. Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God for coming to earth as a man. Praise God for the mystery of Jesus being truly God and truly man. Praise God being omniscient.
17. Confession. Confess any sin of trusting in signs instead of God. Confess any sin of doubting that God can save someone because they seem too lost. Confess any sins of omission or commission. Confess any sin of apathy toward sinners.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank Jesus for entrusting Himself to you. Thank God for passing over your sins on account of the blood of Jesus. Thank God for giving you eyes to see. Thank God for a church that is eager to help you grow in Jesus.
19. Supplication. Ask God to grant saving grace to a specific non-Christian friend or family member. Ask God to strengthen our church in our evangelistic efforts. Ask God to use our Christmas celebrations and ministries to save and grow people.