

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

BELIEVING AND SERVING

John 12:37-13:17

Main Thought: In John 12:37-13:17, we discover two concepts that are very important when it comes to following Christ.

1. _____ (12:37-50)
 - 1) Only some from a _____ background believed. (vv 37-43)
 - 2) Believe in _____ because He is one with the Father. (vv 44-45)
 - 3) Believe in Jesus because He is the _____. (v 46)
 - 4) Not to believe in Jesus leads to _____ on the last day. (vv 47-48)
 - 5) Believe in Jesus because it leads to _____ life. (vv 49-50)
 - 6) Have you put your faith and trust in Jesus? Do you openly acknowledge your _____?
2. _____ (13:1-17)
 - 1) The _____. (vv 1-2)
 - 2) The humble _____ example of Jesus. (vv 3-11)
 - 3) The instruction for _____ followers to humbly serve others. (vv 12-17)
 - 4) How are you using the gifts, talents, and abilities God has _____ you to humbly serve others?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 12:37-13:17 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Why didn't many of the Jewish people who saw Jesus perform miracles believe in Him?

8. What do you learn from John quoting two passages from Isaiah? What do you make of God blinding their eyes and hardening their hearts? Why would He do that? Are they still responsible for their actions before God?

9. In what sense did Isaiah see Jesus' glory and speak about Him?

10. Why wouldn't some of the Jewish leaders who believed in Jesus publicly acknowledge their faith? What can we learn from them?

11. What spiritual truths do you learn from verses 44-50?

12. What is the setting of Jesus washing the disciples' feet?

13. Why do you think Peter objected? What did Jesus mean when he said, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me"?

14. What are we to learn from Jesus washing his disciples' feet?

15. What are some recent acts of service that you have undertaken?