

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

John 12:37-50 – Believe it or Not

My Story

1. Tell about a time when it was so dark that you “couldn’t see your hand in front of your face.”

Digging Deeper

2. What sorts of things today contribute to people rejecting Christ or hardening their hearts against Him? Is it related to personality types, life experiences, cultural influences or more?
3. In verses 42-43, some of the religious leaders believed in Jesus, but they were more concerned about what others thought about them. How are Christians today tempted to do the same thing and hide their faith from others?

4. Read verses 47-48 and compare it with James 1:21-25. Both of these passages indicate that there is a difference between “hearing” Jesus’ words, and “acting” on them. Why is it important to do more than simply know what God’s Word says?

Reflection

5. In what areas of your life have you noticed more of a tendency to harden your heart against how God calls you to live?
6. Jesus lived His life pointing others towards the Father. What can you do this week to point others towards God?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Take time this week to read James chapters 1+2, and reflect on the intersection of faith and works.

Praises / Prayer Requests

