

THE HIGH PRICE OF UNBELIEF
(The Gospel According John- Part 38)
May 11, 2025

The Passage: John 12:37-50

Choosing not to believe/trust in Jesus results in...

... 'won't' becoming _____

... getting human praise instead of _____

... judgement and _____

Fill-ins: 'can't'; God's praise; darkness

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Life Group Questions for the Week of May 11, 2025

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read Jn 12:36-40 and Is 55:6 and then discuss what these verses teach about the "window of opportunity" in seeking and finding God as well as how 'won't' believe becomes 'can't' believe.

3. Read Jn 12:40. Aside from God's, whose love and acceptance have you tried to get? Why do we want to pursue the praise and acceptance of other people rather than the praise and acceptance of God? To whom do you need to admit your faith in Jesus, regardless of the consequences? When can you?

4. Jesus says in v. 46 that whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness. What are ways Jesus brings light into our darkness?

5. We saw in Sunday's passage that some believed in Jesus, yet because of their desire for status among others, they failed to acknowledge Him publicly. One of Jesus' followers, Peter (at other times known as Cephas), struggled with this very same thing.

Read Gal 2:11-14. Have you ever been afraid to do something different than what was expected of you? Why do you think it's so easy to go with what the masses do? Is there a group or person whose opinion of you is one you place a lot of value in? Does that group or person strengthen your relationship with Jesus or hurt it?

As you read Mt 26:69-75, you'll notice Peter was afraid for his life by identifying with Jesus. Are there any groups, situations, or areas of your life in which it's harder for you to identify with Christ or make your faith known to others? What could be the consequences that might happen if people found out?