

# Life Group Homework

## JOHN 12:37-50 – Not Everyone Will Believe

### Getting Started:

1. If the opportunity opened up to share the gospel with your friend or coworker what sort of fears would prevent you from taking that opportunity?
  
2. If you did take the opportunity and they rejected the gospel, what sort of feelings would you struggle with?

### Digging In:

1. In verse 37 John points out that many of the Jews did not believe in Jesus even though he had done so many signs before them. Was this a failure on the part of Jesus?
  
2. If we share the gospel without all of these signs and it fails to produce faith in the heart of the one with whom we are sharing, is that a failure on our part?

John points out in *verse 38* that the unbelief was a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Read *Isaiah 6* and *Isaiah 53* in their entirety to inform your discussion of the following questions.

3. In *verses 39 and 40* John states that the prophecies you just read were the reason that these Jews could not believe (literally "they were unable to believe"). If you were one of the disciples and knew that so many Jews were not believing, how might this truth comfort you?

4. In *verse 41* John says that Isaiah saw **HIS** glory (see *Isaiah 6*) and spoke of **HIM** (see *Isaiah 53*). In the context of John whose glory did Isaiah see when he saw the Lord, high and lifted up in the temple?

5. If most of Judah and Israel did not believe Isaiah's message, do you think that made Isaiah disbelieve as well? Why or why not?

6. How are we like the rulers and authorities who believed in Jesus but were afraid to confess their belief publicly? What are we typically afraid of?

7. Jesus makes plain in *verses 44-45* that those who believe in Jesus are believing in the one who sent him, and he has already said earlier in John that those who reject him are rejecting the Father. Is there a way that this is true of us, that those who reject our message are not rejecting us but

Christ? If so, how might that encourage us and give us strength to share the gospel?

8. In what way is Jesus NOT judging those who reject him (vs. 47-48) and how might this help us to share the gospel without being so judgmental?

9. How might we follow Christ's example of not speaking from himself but rather only speaking what the One who sent Him instructed Him to speak (vs. 49-50)?

10. How does the fact that the "*commandment is eternal life*" help encourage us to share it?

### **Living It Out:**

Simply discuss how you might live out what you have already discussed.