

How are we to respond?

We must _____

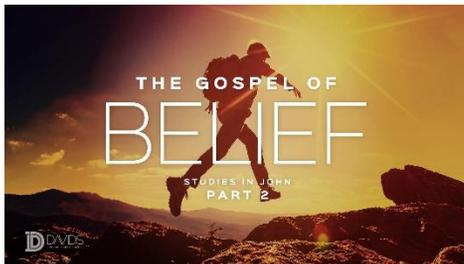
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A Warning

Hebrews 3:7-11

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, "They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways." As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest.""



*Next Sunday: John 13:1-20
Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet*

"Hardening & Hope"
John 12:27-50

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John: Gospel of Belief

Why didn't more people believe? Who don't more people believe today?

John's Key Word: _____

John's Reason for Writing: _____

What does it mean to believe?

Biblical Belief:

It is Assurance (Heb 11:1), it is a Gift (Eph 2:8-9)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

5 Reasons Why People Don't Believe

I. They did not believe (27-38)

1. Rejection of _____ (27-31)

Natural Revelation:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

God's voice was not enough for them to believe.

2. Rejection of _____ (32-34)

Romans 5:8 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Lifted Up = _____ = _____

Jesus' cross, death & resurrection were not enough for them to believe.

3. Rejection of _____ (35-36a)

John 8:12 *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

John 3:19-20 *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.*

Jesus, the Light of the World, was not enough for them to believe.

4. Rejection of _____ (36b-37)

1. Signs were _____

2. Signs were _____

Jesus' miracles were not enough for them to believe.

5. Rejection of _____ (38-40)

John 7:14-15 *...Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"*

Jesus' teachings were not enough for them to believe.

Unbelief + Continued Rejection + Hard Heart
= God Blinding Eyes & Hardening Hearts

II. They Could Not Believe (39-41)

10 Truths about God hardening hearts:

1. God is _____
2. We are all born with hard, dead hearts
3. Our sinful nature & Satan keep our hearts hard
4. God must intervene in our sinful condition
5. God MAY harden an already hard heart
6. God never hardens a heart that's NOT already hard
7. God hardens many people's hearts in Bible:

God hardened _____ heart
10x he hardened, 10x God hardened

8. God's hardening is always to _____
9. We never know who God is hardening
10. All people are responsible for their decisions

Not Common, Not Total, Not Permanent
.there is Always Hope

III. They Are Called to Believe (42-50)

2 Powerful, Hopeful, Beautiful Words:

1. _____ (42-43)

....in spite of their _____

....in spite of their _____

....in spite of their _____

....in spite of loving _____

2. _____ (44-46)