

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 8:30-59

Believers, Unbelievers, Make-believers
 Fairweather faith is false faith
 Being obedient is often inconvenient

Three objections:

1. They have the correct family history – trusting the promise of Jesus is what fuels true faith
2. They think they can get to God without Jesus
3. They believe they are morally superior

Do you have room for His Word?

GET TALKING

Share about something you believed to be true as a child, but later learned it was “make-believe” or false. How did you feel/respond when you learned the truth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Of the three kinds of people (believers, unbelievers and make-believers), Jesus spent most of His time addressing the “make believers.” Let’s examine each of the three arguments from the “make believers.”

1. Objection #1 – They had the correct family history. Read Philippians 3:2-11. The Apostle Paul had all the right elements of the correct family history but considered them “rubbish.” What are some traditions and history from your past that you may be relying on rather than fully trusting Jesus?
2. Objection #2 – They think they can get to God without Jesus. Read Ephesians 2:2-10. Why is Jesus the only way to a relationship with God? Who is Jesus to you?
3. Objection #3 – They believe they are morally superior. The Apostle James addressed a local church about favoritism in James 2:1-12. In what ways do we see these same kinds of attitudes coming out in our own lives and our church? How can we grow closer to treating others the way Jesus desires to reflect His love?
4. Pastor Bob closed with the question: “Do you have room for His Word?” How can this group help you be accountable to make more room for God’s Word in your daily life?

PRAYER

Psalm 119 literally goes through the “ABC’s” of the Hebrew alphabet to praise God for His Word. Choose a few verses that stand out to you and spend some time praising God together for the gift of His word to convict us, encourage us, and transform us to be more like Jesus.