

## Questions, Quotes and Notes

December 11, 2022

Luke 7:24-39: Jesus and Unbelief

**Pre-Sermon:** Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What is the first and most important way God wants you to respond to the message about how He is saving people through Jesus?
2. But many people don't believe. Why do you think people don't believe?

### Mid-Sermon:

This Sunday we are going to be looking at Luke 7:24-39 and look at people who don't believe Jesus and listen as Jesus helps us understand why. To catch the full impact of what Jesus is saying, we are going to step back and look at the text and ask a couple of questions. 1.) What kind of unbelief are we talking about? 2.) Why is unbelief a problem? And 3.) What is at the root of it? But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. What are some ways Luke emphasizes the importance of faith in chapters 7 and 8?
2. What are some of the questions that all the unbelief you see around you can create?
3. When Jesus talks about unbelief in this passage, is he talking about doubt? Why or why not? (How is the way Jesus responds to doubt different than unbelief?)
4. How do we know that Jesus is talking about people who have received revelation and yet reject the gospel?
5. What privileges does Jesus point out that the people he is speaking to had experienced? What is the argument he is trying to make by bringing up the fact that they knew they were going out to hear a prophet when they went out to listen to John?
6. In what way was John more than a prophet?
7. When Jesus talks about unbelief, he's talking about people who had received lots of revelation. How is that a helpful place to start rather than beginning with people who haven't received much revelation?
8. Why is unbelief such a serious problem?
9. What are some ways in which this passage illustrates the ugliness of unbelief?
10. What is at the root of unbelief and how does Jesus demonstrate that in verses 31 through 35?
11. If this really is what unbelief is about, what hope is there for us as we go out and share the gospel?
12. What encouragement do we receive about proclaiming the gospel from 1 Corinthians 1:22-24?

## Notes:

## Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes to think about:
  1. Luke 7:9, 50; 8:22, 48,50
  2. Unbelief is not merely a matter of not having enough revelation, the way a lot of people think, obviously, because we look back and see that even when men had all kinds of proof, they were still able to reject what God was saying. There's something so desperately wrong in man's heart that he can prefer his own ignorance to what God reveals.
  3. Romans 1:18ff
  4. Galatians 1:6
  5. 2 Corinthians 5:18ff
  6. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24
  
- Application: **We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.**
  1. As you look at the way you think about Christianity, do you place the same emphasis on the importance of faith the Bible does?
  2. How do you think about what is at the root of unbelief and how does this passage perhaps challenge the way you think about it?
  3. Do you see unbelief as being as big a problem as the Bible does? Why is unbelief a serious sin?
  4. How might understanding what Jesus is teaching here about unbelief impact the way you worship, the way you pray, the way you evangelize?
  
- How Well Was I Listening Questions: **Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.**
  1. What chapter of the Bible did we look at today?
  2. Who does Jesus say people went out into the wilderness to hear?
  3. Did people who went out to hear him in the wilderness have any idea what they were going out to hear? Why do you know that to be true?
  4. What games did the children play in this passage and what point is Jesus making by talking about those games?