

## BELIEVE #2 – EASTER SERIES

John 8:28-38; 1Cor. 1:18-21

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Sunday a.m.

### SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE

SLIDE 2 – BELIEVE – Easter series – focus on significance/power of believing in Christ

- Believe in Christ = the work God requires of us – **John 6:28,29**
- **To Believe is followed by obedience – disciples = practitioners – Jn 8:28-38**
- GGN → that you believe Jesus is the Christ → LIFE in His Name – **Jn 20:30,31**

### SLIDE 3 – JUST WHO IS JESUS? story

- Man? Prophet? Messiah? Jews debating w/Jesus; 'want to believe'
- **John 8:1-27 – Jesus' claims to be Messiah/YHWH is His Father/Son of God**
  - People going back & forth w/Jesus – picking apart His words, trying to understand & apply, on their terms;
  - Parables & stories – "He who has ears to hear, let him hear"

### SLIDES 4-10 – JOHN 8:28-38

SLIDE 11 – **WHAT DOES JESUS WANT? from them? From us? From disciples?**

- To the Jews who believed Him → challenge/invite to take the next step
  - To hold to, remain, abide in Christ's teaching → really be disciples
  - As disciples, you will KNOW the truth, & the truth will set you FREE
- For those who believe in Him → challenge to grow to be a disciple

### SLIDE 12 – LUKE 9:23

SLIDE 13 – BUT WE'RE ALREADY FREE...

- *"WHAT? Do you know who we are? WHY would we need to be SET FREE? We're children of Abraham & not slaves to anyone; how can you say that?"*

### SLIDE 14 – JESUS CHRIST – THE LIVING WORD

- **Jn 1:1** – In the beginning was the Word...
  - **Logos** – *spoken word which embodies an idea; precepts/instructions*
  - > mere vocabulary word – personifies the understanding
- God's Word CONFRONTS us – it CRASHES into our worldview/beliefs/lifestyle
  - Demands that we address/respond/repent/realign/rethink – to Christ

### SLIDE 15 – SET FREE BY THE SON

- The Jewish believers **think** they are free because of their heritage
- Jesus reveals that to be TRULY FREE requires holding to/remaining in His word

SLIDE 16 – DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR GOD'S WORDS?

- Revisit v.38 – *"I'm telling you what MY Father says, & you from YOUR father"*
- Spirit-revealed truth – by the Spirit, from God the Father
  - No room/no place for God's truth – holding to own/diabolical source

### SLIDE 17 – BELIEVE THE TRUTH

- EXAMPLE: *What coffee roast has most caffeine?* Coffeebros.com
  - *Strong tasting coffee created through brewing (ratios) not roasting*
- Christ's invitation to us – BELIEVE the truth... (hold to/remain in/abide)
  - *vs. how I was raised; personal/cultural/sexual identity; traditions, beliefs, practices; popular opinion; societal norms; 21<sup>st</sup> century wisdom/values;*
- WHEN (not IF) my deeply held beliefs are confronted by Christ, what will be my response? Will there be room in me for Him/His word?

### SLIDES 18-21 – 1CORINTHIANS 1:18-21

#### SLIDE 22 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- What do we take away as the 'point'? Life application?
- Is there room for God's word/truth in me/my life? Am I teachable?
- HOW will I respond to the revelation of the Holy Spirit?
- HOW do I continually submit myself to godly instruction & truth & the job the HS is doing (convict of sin, of righteousness, of judgement?)

#### SLIDE 23 – EMBRACE THE PROCESS

- Stay close to Jesus
- Be flexible/open to change/God's direction
- Be prepared – esp. when God says "Get ready"
- Be strong & very courageous
- Be careful to obey
  - Stay in COMMUNITY; wisdom & strength in community of faith
  - HUMBLE self & SUBMIT self to God's purposes, ways/means
  - Be FAITHFUL in holding to/remaining in God's Word
  - Be quick to APPLY Christ's Words

#### SLIDE 24 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."*