

BELIEVE #1 – EASTER SERIES

John 6:26-35; Hebrews 11:1,2

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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**

SLIDE 3 – SEA OF GALILEE w/visuals – Jesus & disciples criss-crossing

SLIDE 4 – BREAD FROM HEAVEN – Manna – STORY

- **Mt 14:13-21; Mk 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-25** – Jesus feeds the 5000
- Rest day, post-ministry; Large crowd followed & gathered to listen to Him
 - b/c of having seen signs – Jesus w/the sick
- Jesus took the bread & fish, gave thanks for the food, disciples distributed it
 - All ate their fill – afterwards 12 baskets of leftovers
 - People saw the SIGNS Jesus did, “He is the Prophet!” King by force
 - Jesus withdrew from them; disciples went down to the lake – to cross

SLIDES 5-11 – JOHN 6:26-35

SLIDE 12 – BELIEVE – GOD’S WORK FOR US

- Jesus – “Y’all are here for free bread, not b/c of response to signs”
 - Following Christ for personal benefits/what they get vs. He’s the Christ
- J – “Don’t work for food that spoils (temporary) but for eternal food”
 - Crowd – misunderstands Jesus’ words on ‘work’ –
 - C – “What do we DO in order to do the works God requires?”
- J – the work is this: to BELIEVE in the One He sent
 - WORK – work, deed, undertaking, business/employment
 - BELIEVE – Commit oneself to; trust, believe in; trust in God to be able to get or do something; “saving faith”

SLIDE 13 – WE WANT TO SEE SIGNS

- C – What SIGNS are You going to DO so we can SEE/eyes/mind & believe You?
 - Common request w/the religious leaders (Pharisees/Sadducees)
 - THEY ASK AFTER – Jesus feeds 5000; raises boy/girl & Lazarus to life
- C – ...ancestors ate manna “He gave them bread from heaven to eat”
 - Expectation – if Jesus is from God, He should give them manna/provide
 - THIS is how God does it = bread that spoils – daily provision

SLIDE 14 – JESUS – THE BREAD OF LIFE

- Jesus’ correction – GOD gives the TRUE bread from Heaven
- The bread of God comes from heaven & gives LIFE to the world
 - C – give us this bread always
- J – “I Am the Bread of Life – COME to Me & never go hungry;
 - BELIEVE & never be thirsty

- BUT – v36 – you’ve seen Me & you STILL don’t believe...

SLIDE 15 – HEBREWS 11:1,2

SLIDE 16 – BELIEVE – FAITH IT

- FAITH = CONFIDENCE in what we HOPE for; ASSURANCE what we don’t SEE
- V.29 – The work that God requires = believe in Christ
- Thinking through HOW can we live/apply this? What are we doing with it?
- Words & concepts closely intertwined – believe & faith
- Connection in original language btwn believe & faith
 - **Hebrews 11:1** – faith is....
 - **Greek – G4100 – Pisteuo/Pist YOU oh – believe**
 - **Greek – G4102 – Pistis – faith**
- BELIEVE – then FAITH IT → turn faith into a verb, belief *into* action
- Actions that *follow* decisions to take Christ at His word;
 - to trust, to believe into
 - Invitation to believe in Christ – as the source of LIFE for God’s people

SLIDE 17 – CHRIST – OUR SOURCE

- PICTURE – Christ is & will continue to be the SOURCE/FOCUS for all our needs
 - Signs/wonders/miracles ARE NOT the focus – they point to Christ & our ultimate needs to be Rooted in Him
- What are the works that God requires? Believe in Christ
 - Be vs. Do – intrinsic value of being made in the Imago Dei
- FAITH grows as we use it – feed our spirit vs. feed our flesh – **Galatians 5 & 6**

SLIDE 18 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- What do we take away as the ‘point’? Life application?
- What does it look like, lived out – to encourage & teach → lift up Christ?
- What do you do w/“Whatever you do, word/deed, do it in the Name of Christ?
- Prayer for HS to fill/refill us w/HS power – what we need for today