

Invested

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John 12:44-50 – 44 And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me. ”

Categories of people around Jesus:

Followers

Opponents

Interested

Faith without cost is NOT real.

Jesus moves us from OBSERVATION to EXPERIENCE.

John 12:47 – If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

John 12:48 – The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

Jesus moves us from INTEREST to INVESTMENT.

John 12:49 – For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father

who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

Interest to Investment:

Private Admiration to Public Identification

Listening Selectively to Receiving All Jesus' Words

Jesus as my Inspiration to Jesus as my Authority

Small Group Questions:

What's the difference between interest and investment? How does that difference show up in someone's faith?

What does following Jesus cost believers today?

The sermon said Jesus is not a hunter but a Savior. How does that shape the way you see Him and respond to Him?

What does it look like to observe Jesus from a distance? What does it look like to truly experience or follow Him?

Three checkpoints were given for moving from interest to investment. Which one challenges you most right now? Why?