



Unbelief & Belief

John 10:22-42

1. I want to remind us that there are no _____ to God's power.
2. Satan and demons are not one _____ below the power of Jesus.
3. The sin of the people is _____ the works of Jesus as demonic (kingdom of darkness).

COMMON STRUGGLES OF HUMANITY

- Doubt
- Anger
- Injustice
- Shame
- Fear
- Unbelief
- Rejection

THE SCRIPTURES SHOW US HOW TO RESPOND BIBLICALLY TO THESE COMMON STRUGGLES OF HUMANITY.

- In your anger do no sin, do not let the sun go down on your anger. Ephesians 4:26
- I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief. Mark 9:24
- Cast all your cares (anxieties) on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (the things we've done and the sins that were committed against us)

BELIEF
Knowledge
John 6:29

FAITH
Action
Hebrews 11:2

TRUST
Cost
Proverbs 3:4-5

- The Door
- Good Shepherd
- Savior
- Defender
- Sustainer of life
- Propitiation – sacrificial lamb
- My sheep know My voice
- Resurrection power
- Redeemer
- Healer
- Friend
- Joy
- Peace
- Reconciler
- Riches
- Life & Light

Creekside Events



Sunday, April 14, 2024 | Ron Hitchcock, Pastor
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Prayer

Begin your time by praying with one another. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides your time in conversation and community today.

My Story

How did you celebrate Easter? What are some Easter “traditions” that you believe are important to maintain while celebrating the holiday?

Digging Deep

1. Reflecting on Sunday’s message, what idea or lesson stood out to you?
2. Coming out of the Easter season, our church’s prayer is that you had the chance to share the good news of Jesus with someone who does not yet know Him. In past interactions you have had with those who don’t believe Jesus’ message, what are reasons that people give for not believing?
3. This week's passage comes after Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who protects His own sheep from the thieves, robbers and wolves. How does the role of Jesus being our Shepherd impact you?

Digging Deeper

4. **Read John 10:22-30.** The crowd was asking Jesus to answer their question that He already provided evidence for. How does the analogy of the sheep knowing the Shepherd’s voice connect to the unbelieving crowd?

5. **Reread John 10:29-30** How does this bring comfort and protection to wandering sheep? How does this encourage you in your daily life?
6. Jesus is pointing to the Scriptures and His works as evidence of His oneness with the Father. Do you consider this enough evidence to believe in Jesus? What gets in the way of the enemies of Jesus not believing in Him?
7. Identify and then discuss ten things Jesus said, did and/or accomplished. What would give you courage to act, in your current circumstances, based on what you know about Jesus? Are you willing to trust Him with the outcomes?

Taking It Home

8. The crowd trying to stone Jesus then, and much of the world today, hold a strong conviction of UNbelief about the true nature of Jesus as the Son of God. If believers in Christ experience the same forms of evidence as those who do not believe in Christ, how do we reconcile that some people believe the evidence while others reject that same evidence? List 2-3 names of people who need Jesus in their life and pray for them. Ask the Lord to open a door for you to share your belief with them.
9. As sheep of the Good Shepherd, how can we have confidence that our protection and salvation in Christ are assured even while we wrestle with the doubts and trials in this life?

Praying Together

As you close in prayer, rejoice in gratitude that we hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, and pray for encouragement and wisdom to better know His voice and follow Him well.