



April 14, 2024 – John 12:44-50

The Heart of Our Father!

John 12:44–50

⁴⁴And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

⁴⁵And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

⁴⁶I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

⁴⁷If 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.

⁴⁸The 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.

⁴⁹For 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.

⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

John 20:31

but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

John 14:9b

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

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(12:27-50)

1. He draws people to Christ
(32, last week)

2. He sheds Light on our lives
(35-36, last week)

3. He draws us to a lifestyle of believing in Him
(36, last week)

4. He is expressing the Father’s heart

- > *Believing in Christ is believing in the Father (12:44)*
- > *Seeing Christ is seeing the Father (12:45)*
- > *My invitation to believe:*
 - *comes from My Father’s authority (49a)*
 - *comes from My Father’s command (49b)*
 - *comes from My Father’s direction (50b)*
 - *is eternal life! (50a)*

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Application questions on the back →

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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 12:44-50. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and apply Jesus being a light in darkness” to these verses.

PRAY: Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ: John 12:44-50. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read Romans 2:4 and write out how the Lord’s kindness draws people to Himself. Write out if this has happened in your life with Him. Describe it. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ: See John 12:27-43. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read our verses in light of John 3:16-17. How do these verses display His abounding, amazing grace. How does this grace help you in your walk? **PRAY:** Pray over these lessons!

THURSDAY

READ: John 12:44-50. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Our verses emphasize the Father’s initiating in Jesus’ invitation to believe and be rescued from darkness. The invitation flows from the Father’s authority, command, and direction. How does this show you our Father’s heart? How does this affect your own walk with Him? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications!

FRIDAY

READ: See John 12:44-50. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read Matthew 11:28-30 and relate it to the unbelieving Jews in this passage. How does this affect your view of the unbelievers around you. Write out how you can apply this.

PRAY: Pray over your application!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday’s gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.

Pray – ask the Lord to show you people to encourage!