



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**“Roots of Belief and Unbelief” – John 12:37-50**  
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Main thought:

In this passage we see three possible responses to Jesus; unbelief, belief without confessing, and believing and confessing. Jesus shows us these three responses so we can understand and hear the warning, and by His grace become followers who both believe in, and confess Jesus.

Notes:

**The 7 Signs of Jesus**

1. Water into wine (John 2)
  - God **gives** out of His grace.
2. Healing of royal official’s son (John 4)
  - God’s grace is for the **whole** world.
3. Healing of the man at the pool (John 5)
  - God’s grace must be **received**.
4. Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6)
  - God’s grace can **flow** through us.
5. Walking on the water (John 6)
  - God’s grace is **personal**.
6. Healing of man born blind (John 9)
  - God’s grace **reveals** his Son.
7. Returning Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
  - God’s grace can **conquer** anything.

Ice-Breaker

- What is something on your bucket list you’d like to accomplish?

Digging In

Read John 12:37-41 and discuss the following questions.

- Which of the 7 signs of Jesus is especially meaningful to you and why?
- How is the teaching of Jesus in these verses instructive?
- How is the teaching of Jesus in these verses a sobering warning?

Read John 12:42-43 and discuss the following questions.

- How do these verses describe those who believe, but don’t confess?



- What are the 2 stumbling blocks mentioned here that cause people to not confess Jesus publicly? How have you seen this in your own life? What circumstance/scenario comes to your mind when you read these verses?
- What benefits are gained when you move from being a secret Christian to a confessing Christian?

Read John 12:44-50 and discuss the following questions.

- What stands out to you from these verses?
- Why is it critical to personally respond to Jesus?

#### Application

- Which truths from this passage will you apply this week?

#### Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?