

Sermon Notes

Doubt Has Its Reasons (part 2) John 7:25-53

A. Prejudice (25-44)

B. Peer Pressure (45-52)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Have you ever struggled with doubts about your faith? What have been some of the hardest doubts for you to overcome?

Going Deeper

3. Please read John 7:25-39. What misconception was preventing people from believing in Jesus? Why was this a misconception? What misconceptions prevent people from believing in Jesus today?
4. Please read John 7:40-44. How can simple laziness be at the root of doubt? How do you see that in these verses? Have you ever had to work hard to overcome a doubt? Do you have doubts you need to research further?
5. Please read John 7:45-52. Why can peer pressure make belief more difficult? How do you see that happening in this passage? What is the Pharisee's argument against Jesus? Do you see this same argument being used today? What is the fallacy in peer pressure? How can we become independent thinkers rather than people who just follow the crowd?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?