

SERMON NOTES

June 15 2025 Father's Day

The Cost of Unbelief

John 12: 37-50

"Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe. For again, Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." Isaiah said these things because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about Him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. And Jesus cried out and said, ... Vs. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness..."

Graduates:

A new faith stage: You have the opportunity to explore your faith and church options. You will have to decide whether the faith of your parents will be your faith. Let me challenge you; Choose a _____ faith and walk in it.

Fathers and Grandfathers:

God is expecting you to not ignore God at work, but to come alongside your family and _____ on a quest for God.

God has a plan, especially for dads taking godly _____ both in their families and at church.

God is all about the _____ of God.

God put us together into _____ units.

Psalm 78 *"O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from old; what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. "We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders He has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, **which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.** Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."*

Our Hanoverdale Bible Church focus:

"Build a culture that encourages generations of families to be gospel-centered disciples of Jesus Christ.

1. Unbelief

John 12:37 *"Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him."*

The leaders of Israel _____ not to believe. And that unbelief _____ in their souls.

Sometimes people _____ God until God says, Your heart is now hardened to Me."

Isaiah 6:10-13 *"Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Let the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, until the Lord has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."*

The holy seed that will rise up is _____

It is not a good thing to be found _____ sinning when God has been _____ you.

Deuteronomy 32:35 *"Their foot shall slide in due time... Surely you set them in slippery places; you cast them down into destruction."*

It starts with their hard hearts. It ended with God blinding their eyes and hardened their hearts so they could not repent.

Dads and Grads. It is a _____ game to play to ignore God; to forget His teaching; and to not tell future generations about the Lord.

God will not reject any who seek Him. He is holy and _____, but He is also loving and _____.

2. A Second mode of rejection - Secret Christianity.

Vs. 40-43 *"many, even of the leaders believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it..."*

Romans 10:9 *"If you _____ with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord' and _____ in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Vs. 43 they liked the approval of _____ more than God.

"Teach your children, so that the next _____ will know God, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn will tell their children."