HIS COMMAND LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE

John 12:37-50 #35 Key Verse: 12:50

- * CONTINUING UNBELIEF (37-43)
- 1. Read verses 37-41. What was the continuing response of the Jewish leaders to the miraculous signs which Jesus did in their presence?
- 2. What did Isaiah teach about this unbelief and rejection of Jesus? What does unbelief do to men's hearts and eyes? What do those who reject Jesus miss?
- 3. What did Jesus learn from Isaiah? How did he fulfill Isaiah's prophecy? How does the Jewish unbelief reveal God's sovereignty?
- 4. Read verses 42-43. Why did some who believed in him not confess their faith? (Compare 5:41-11) What can we learn here about the reason for unbelief? From a human point of view, why don't men believe--commit themselves to Jesus? How does the rejection and unbelief actually testify to the truthfulness of the gospel?
- * JESUS CAME AS A LIGHT (44-46)
- 5. Read verses 44-46. Read 44-46. What is the result of believing in Jesus? The consequences of rejecting him? How can we escape living in the darkness of sin and despair and fatalism and death? How can we see God? (Compare 1:4,9; 14:8-10; 9:5; 8:12)
- * WHOEVER HEARS MY WORDS (47-50)
- 6. Why does Jesus not judge the person who hears his words but does not keep them? What does Jesus say about why he came?
- 7. What did Jesus believe about God's word? Why did he refuse to judge those who rejected his word? How did he reveal his personal commitment to God and to his word? What happens when one accepts Jesus and his word? (50, 40) When one does not?