

b. How is it that Jesus so perfectly portrays the Father (12:45, 49-50)?

c. What two opposite responses to Jesus' message are detailed here? What benefits or consequences accrue depending on our response?

5. One of the central themes of John's Gospel is "truth." Jesus asks his opponents: "Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?" (John 8:46). Ponder Jesus' question. Why, if he is indeed telling the truth, do non-Christians not believe him? Why is it hard sometimes for even Christians to believe what he said?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Tandala Medical Fund – Congo, Africa

Pray for the doctors, nurses, and staff as they minister physically and spiritually to the patients at Tandala Hospital.

Sermon Notes

"That the World May Know"

John 12:44-50

December 17, 2017

Introduction:

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Conclusion:

- c. How can people today see the work of Jesus in other's lives and still not believe in Him?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 12-17-17

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 175.

Getting Started:

1. Define "paradigm shift." When have you experienced one in your own thinking?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 12:37-41.
 - a. What effect did Jesus' miracles have on the unbelieving Jews (12:37)?
 - b. Why couldn't the Jews of Jesus' day believe in Him (12:39-40)?

3. Read John 12:42-43
 - a. Why didn't the leaders who did believe in Jesus admit their faith (12:42-43)?
 - b. When and why have you been afraid to admit your faith in Jesus?
 - c. Why do we want to pursue the praise and acceptance of other people rather than the praise and acceptance of God?
4. Read John 12:44-50.
 - a. Put in your own words how the relationship between Jesus and God the Father is portrayed in this passage.