

SERMON GUIDE WALK IN THE LIGHT! 12:36b-50	SERMON NOTES
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THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 29)

Col. 1:19-20 (God's Character)

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: In today's reading, Jesus comes to the end of His public ministry. After years of teaching, healing, and performing signs, this is his final public invitation. It's a sobering moment: though Jesus has done so much, many still don't believe. John reflects on this unbelief by quoting two key passages from Isaiah. Isaiah 53:1, (v.38) was a prophecy that very few people would recognize the Messiah when he came. Isaiah 6:10 (v.40), describes how the ministry of preaching can harden people's hearts and make them blind to God's glory. John wants us to see that these prophecies were fulfilled in Israel's rejection of Jesus.

This passage brings together themes of belief and unbelief, divine sovereignty, and human responsibility. It also reveals the weight of Jesus' words—not only as invitation, but as judgment. As you read, reflect on Jesus' urgent call to walk in the light, and what it means to hear and respond to His voice today.

Read John 12:36b-50

- **S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- What stands out to you about the way John describes the people's unbelief in verses 37–43? What reasons are given for why many did not believe? How is all of this a fulfillment of what Isaiah said would happen (v.38,40)?
- O Jesus cries out in verses 44–46. He's urgent. What does this tell us about how He wants people to respond to Him—and what's at stake if we don't? In your own words, what is the essence of Jesus' final appeal? What does he want them to do?
- Jesus says in verse 48 that His word will judge those who reject Him. What do we learn about the dangers of hearing Jesus and being around him without ever actually responding to him?
- A If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A Is your heart slow or quick to respond to Jesus' word? Does fear or doubt or peer pressure ever keep you from doing what you know God is calling you to do? Please explain what you mean. How will you respond this week?
- **P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.