

# Believe in the Light – John 12:34-50

**Children of Light** - Jesus commanded His audience to believe in Him and thus become children of light. (12:34-36)

**Hardened Hard Hearts** - Despite Jesus' clear signs, many refused to believe in Him and thus fulfilled the plan of God. (12:37-41)

**Fearful and on the Fence** - Others did believe in Jesus, but refused to acknowledge this because they preferred the praise of men to the praise of God. (12:42-43)

**Serious Consequences** – Jesus came to save the world but those who refuse to believe in Him remain in darkness and will be judged. (12:44-50)

## Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. What Old Testament scriptures are quoted in verses 38 & 40? What might these verses teach us?
3. In verses 42-43, what hindered some from going public with their faith in Jesus? How do you fight such fear in your own life?
4. Jesus said in John 5:22 & 27-30 that He does judge, so why does He say in verse 47 that He did not come to judge the world but to save the world?
5. Do you find it difficult to talk with unbelievers about the serious consequences of not believing in Jesus? Why? Why not? Why is it loving to be honest with them about what Jesus really said on this subject?

**Memory Verse: John 12:46**

**Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 13:1-17**