

LUKE 7:18-35 *John the Baptizer*

INTRODUCTION

“Who has understood the mind of the Lord?” (Isa. 40:13) When our plans and God’s don’t align we can find ourselves doubting. Our temporal circumstances should not dictate our faith; otherwise, we are proclaiming a prosperity gospel.

Some people will never be satisfied. The music is too loud, or the music is too soft. If we do not walk in humility, then neither law nor grace will draw us closer to God.

DISCUSSION

When are you most prone to doubt?

Do you tend to lean on truth or grace in your life?

EXPLANATION

- Read Luke 3. Why do you think John is asking whether or not Jesus is the Christ?
- Read Luke 4:16-19 (from Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6). What does Jesus leave out in His reply to John?
- What does it mean to be offended by Jesus?
- Why does Jesus commend John after answering His question?
- Describe how verse 28 is a contrast between the Old and New Testament.
- Why does Jesus compare the religious to unsatisfied children?
- What do the Pharisees and lawyers reject?

APPLICATION

- How does doubt manifest in your life?
- How do your circumstances affect your faith?
- What evidences of God’s grace do you see in your life during times of doubt?
- Where do we need to repent from being offended by Jesus?
- How is your identity shaped by verse 28?
- If we are greater than John, what is the expectation for us in regard to proclaiming the gospel?
- What have you rejected because of your own preconceived expectations of God?
- How have we been blind to the work of God because of our own pride?
- Where is your heart hardened against truth and grace?