

St. John L42 – Lessons 36-41 Study Summary

Lesson 36 – John 12:27-36 The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

- Q2 – Like at the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan, in Jerusalem God the Father answered Jesus' prayer aloud so everyone could hear. Jesus said this conversation was for all the peoples' sake. The people were debating whether what they heard was thunder or an angel speaking to Jesus.
- Q4 – When Jesus later says, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Me," John says He was speaking about His death on the cross. The crowd understood His implication, so they challenged Him by saying they had been taught by the scribes and Pharisees that the Christ remains forever. They responded, "How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up?"
- Q5-7 – 'Walking in the light' refers to a believer who lives in obedience to Jesus. 'Walking in darkness' refers to anyone, believer or non-believer, who lives in disobedience. A Christian's life is not a sinless life; s/he must be sensitive to obedience failures and then confess and repent of them in prayer to Jesus. 1 John teaches that believers who say they never sin are liars, and that there is no truth in them. When believers walk in darkness, not practicing the truth, they fall out of fellowship with God. In life's decisions, remember the slogan – WWJD – What would Jesus do?

Lesson 37 – John 12:37-50 Jesus' Words: Believe for Life or Reject for Judgment

- Q1-2 – Despite many miracles, the Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the Christ. Jesus quoted Isaiah where God expresses anger about Jewish failure to recognize the Messiah, and that as unclean people they had dull, misunderstanding, hearts God gave them over to hard hearts --- just like He did with Pharaoh. God's perspective seems to be that if people don't want to listen and believe -- setting themselves against God --- fine, then they WON'T believe! Hebrews warns that Christians today can become hard-hearted, too, by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Q3-4 – It's hard to know the outcome for "silent" Christians, those who keep their faith private out of fear from the reaction of family, friends or others. God knows...! Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea are biblical examples. Converts in non-Christian countries and/or families may face tough consequences in becoming believers, so we may have some sympathy for their plight.
- Q6-7 – Jesus claimed to be the Light of the world, and He declared that those who believe in Him should not remain in darkness. He came into the world to save them from their sin (John 3:16-17).
- Q8 – To reject Jesus' words (teachings) will subject non-believers to eternal judgment. The words being rejected will be used to convict them!

Lesson 38 – John 13:1-20 A Lesson in Humility

- Q1-3 – The purpose in Jesus washing His disciples' feet before the Last Supper was intended to instruct them in His Kingdom's key to leadership --- humility through service to one another. Belonging to Christ's Body and being part of His Church require believers to show care, and use their gifts, in service to one another.
- Q4-5 – Though Peter thought, "If foot washing is good, washing more of me is better," Jesus reinforced that a "clean" individual (a believer) only needs to re-wash feet that are soiled by living in a world full of sin. 1 John teaches us to confess our personal sins and repent, and God will be faithful to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Q7 – In this passage, Jesus emphasized two important truths: 1) Students are not greater than their masters (teachers); and 2) When we receive those whom Jesus sends into our lives (pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc...), we are blessed to also receive the Father, who sent Jesus to us!

Lesson 39 – John 13:21-38 Jesus Troubled Over Dinner

