

God's work in our belief - John 6:35-51

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Introduction

We're all looking for c_____

What seems fragile / uncertain: [List a few things...]

Summary of what Jesus says: ““It is G____'s work to draw people to J____ that they might enjoy eternal l____ with the God who satisfies.”

God's work to enable belief (verses 37-40, 43-46)

The issue Jesus is dealing with: Why don't these people b_____?

Belief – a big issue for John – John 20:30-31. He longs for us to b_____ and so have l_____

verses 37-40 – Unpopular. Why? We want unfettered f_____.
[But of course we don't have it!]

Precious and comforting teaching:

> V37 – *The Father gives particular p_____ to the Son. (See also Ephesians 1:4-5)*

> V37 – *Those the Father gives will come to the S_____.*

> V37 – *Those who come to the Son, he will never d_____ away.*

> V38 – *Foundation: It's the w_____ of the Father; and the Son wants to o_____ the will of the Father.*

> V39 / 40 / 44 / 51 – *The Son will r_____ them up on the last day.*

Why is this good news? [Write down some reasons...]

Gentle and Lowly page 62. “ This promise was given to answer all objections, and does answer them.”

The reason for rejection (verses 36, 41-44)

verse 44 – No one can come to Jesus unless the F_____ draws them

Clarify: What this doesn't mean (write down the 3 things):

Why is this good news? [Write down the reason.]

The one who believes has eternal life (verses 39, 40, 43, 47-51)

Every human being continues to have the o_____ to believe.

What Jesus offers:

verse 51 – Jesus offers h_____ - self-g_____ love

verse 40 – l_____ in all its fulness

he will r_____ up those who believe

If we're not yet believing: Why wouldn't we c_____ to him?

If we are already believing: Why wouldn't we p_____ him?

To think about / discuss

> How does it encourage and comfort you that it's God's work to enable belief / keep you believing until the end?

> If you don't yet believe: What's stopping you from accepting Jesus's invitation?

Taking it further

On verse 37:

Gentle and Lowly – Dane Ortlund – chapter 6

On God's sovereign work in calling people:

Sermons on Articles 9-11 of the Church of England - 6th - 20th September 2020, www.anlabychurches.org.uk

Foundations of Faith – Edited by Lee Gatiss – on Articles 9-11, 16