

JESUS IS.

A SERIES IN JOHN

June Memory Verse: *“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” John 6:63 (ESV)*

Series: Jesus Is (23)

Title: Determined Amidst Disbelief

Scripture: John 7:1-24

We must not allow deserters or disbelievers to deter us from making disciples.

- **The success of a church is not the size of the congregation, but the depth of the discipleship.**
1. **Jesus did not allow His disbelieving family deter Him from His Father’s work of making disciples. (Matt. 28:18-20) (vs. 1-10)**
 2. **We must not allow disbelieving family members deter us from making disciples.**
 - 1) **Jesus valued humble serving. His disbelieving family valued being seen and recognized. (v. 3)**
 - 2) **Jesus was willing to lose uncommitted followers. His family wanted Jesus to do miracles to get followers. (vs. 3-4)**
 - 3) **Jesus was patient for His Father’s timing. His family did what they wanted when they wanted. (v. 6)**
 - **Jesus’ brothers (siblings) show us that we can be in close proximity to Jesus and still miss who Jesus is and what He is doing.**
 3. **Jesus contended with disbelieving leaders and fickle people with consistent character, sound doctrine, and selfless works.**
 4. **We contend with disbelieving leaders and fickle people with consistent character, sound doctrine, and selfless works.**

So what?

1. **Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment. (1 John 4:1, Romans 12:1-2)**