

SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

“Can Jesus Accept Me?”

Introduction

Our 52 week series on the life of Jesus continues with the question: “Can Jesus accept me?” All throughout our lives we live in the tension between being accepted and rejected. For many, this tension is even more apparent in their relationship with God, wondering if God will reject us for the things we’ve done. But there is Good News! Jesus does accept us, but we must also accept him.

- Talk about a time in your life when you had to learn to accept something. What were the challenges? Was it beneficial in the end? If so, why?

Seek the Word

- When we read through Matthew 12:22-37 we see that the Pharisees reject that Jesus is from God. Where else do we see Jesus being rejected instead of accepted as the Son of God?
- Read 2 Peter 3:9. The Lord is patient, wanting all to come to repentance and accept Jesus. How have we seen the patience of God extended that we might choose to accept him?

Go Deeper

Read Luke 10:1-16. Jesus sends out Seventy-Two to heal and preach in his name. How does the disciples mission in this passage mirror Jesus being sent to earth? How does acceptance and rejection play into it?

Talk About It

- What does it mean to you to have a savior that experienced the kind of rejection that we seem to be fearful of?
- What are some of the ways that accepting Jesus changed your life?
- What does it mean to you to have a savior that accepts you?
- What are some ways that you can strive to be in rhythm with Jesus?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus is proof that we have acceptance from God

Challenge: Who is someone in your life who thinks that Jesus has rejected them? Come up with some ways you can encourage them this week.