

REFLECTION

Questions

JOHN 2:23-25

- What motivates your own belief in or interest in Jesus? Is it primarily based on what He does (miracles, answers to prayer, blessings, or "signs" in your life), or on who He is as revealed in Scripture?
- In what ways might people today "believe in [Jesus'] name" because of impressive signs, experiences, or benefits, yet have hearts that are not fully surrendered? How can you examine your own faith to discern if it's genuine and deep?
- The passage highlights a difference between people believing in Jesus and Jesus entrusting Himself to them. What do you think it means for Jesus to "entrust Himself" to someone? Have you experienced a relationship with Him where He has fully committed Himself to you through the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus "knew what was in man" — meaning He sees beyond outward actions or words into the deepest motives, desires, and condition of the heart (similar to Psalm 139:23-24). How does knowing that nothing is hidden from Jesus bring comfort, conviction, or challenge to you personally?
- Why do you think Jesus did not entrust Himself to these early believers, even though they "believed"? What does this teach about the difference between amazement at miracles (or intellectual assent) and true, saving faith that leads to transformation?
- Reflect on times when you've been drawn to God primarily because of what He could do for you (e.g., provision, healing, protection). How might shifting focus to trusting Him for who He is change your relationship with Him?
- Since Jesus knows every person's heart perfectly — including yours — how does this truth affect your prayer life, confession of sin, or pursuit of holiness? Does it encourage you to be more honest with Him?
- How does this passage point to the need for heart-level regeneration (true change from within) rather than just outward belief or religious activity? What steps can you take to cultivate deeper, more authentic faith?