Sunday School Lesson

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The Word Saves

John 12:44-50

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Introduction

This final section of John’s gospel in the 12th chapter contains Jesus’ last words to the Jews during His public ministry. *Jesus the “Word”* appeals once more to the unbelieving and stubborn world to have faith in Him and in the one who sent Him.
Questions to Consider:

1. Does our obedience to “the Father” result in speaking what He commands?

2. What does belief in the “light” symbolize?

3. What was the primary purpose of Jesus’ coming?

4. Do you believe in the Son of Man and thus in the Father?
Lesson Outlines:

A. Failure of Most Jews to Believe (John 12:37-43)

B. Jesus’ Final Appeal to a Lost World (John 12:44-45)

C. The Light that Dispels Darkness (John 12:46-47)
Lesson Outlines Continued:

D. Self Condemnation for All Who Reject Jesus
   (John 12:48-49)

E. The Loving Work of God’s Obedient Son
   (John 12:50)
37 Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”
For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.”
41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’
glory and spoke about him.  42 Yet at the same
time many even among the leaders believed in
him. But because of the Pharisees they would
not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they
would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they
loved human praise more than praise from God.
Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me.
46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.
47 “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.
There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.
I know that his command leads to eternal life. So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”
Summary

The most important thing we can do is to believe in the LORD Jesus Christ in order to be saved (Acts 16:31). Once this decision is made, the pathway to spiritual understanding and learning to live in the light begins.
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