CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, February 15, 2015

I BELIEVE

John 12:37-50

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

• What you believe impacts your life more than anything else about you.

• Believe is a powerful and dangerous word.

• There is only one word that connects you and God . . . believe.

• Believe is the only response to God that matters to God.

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6

• You could say, that when it comes to salvation, God does everything and we must respond with one thing . . . believe.

• Your life is ordered by what you choose to believe.

• I cannot convince you or coerce you to believe anything.

• We cannot live out our lives without believing in something or someone.

• Believing drives behaving.

FOUR WAYS YOU CAN BELIEVE JESUS

WOULD NOT BELIEVE

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 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?”

John 12:37-38

COULD NOT BELIEVE

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.”

BELIEVED IN HIM BUT

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;for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

John 12:

BELIEVES IN ME

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. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

John 12:44-46

BELIEVE BEHAVE BECOME

Where are you directing your believing?