“Hardening Hard Hearts”

*John 12:37–43*

Sermon Outline

Big Idea—*At times, God judges hard hearts of unbelief with increased hardness, but even this judicial hardening serves his redemptive purposes.*

**Introduction: Why Don’t They Believe?**

Key References—Isaiah 6:9; John 1:10–11; Romans 3:2; 9:4–5; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 119:18

**Unbelief and God’s Plan**

Key Reference—Isaiah 53:1

**Unbelief and God’s Judgment**

Key References—Isaiah 6:8–10; Mark 4:12; Acts 28:26–27; John 6:37, 44; John 3:18–19; Deuteronomy 29:2–4

**Unbelief and God’s Message**

Key References—Isaiah 28:9–10; 55:11; 65:2; Hebrews 4:12–13

**Unbelief and God’s Glory**

Key References—Isaiah 6:1; John 1:14; 10:30; Isaiah 53:2–3; Romans 1:22–25; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Romans 9:18; Isaiah 63:17

**Unbelief and God’s Purpose**

Key References—Romans 9:21–23; Isaiah 53:4–5; Acts 28:28; Romans 11:11, 26–26

**Conclusion: The Severity and Kindness of God**

Key Reference—Romans 11:19–22