



JOHN Chapter 8 Week of November 12, 2023

## **OPENING QUESTIONS:**

Have you ever lost something and you find it “right under your nose?” what was it? Was it hard to believe that that whole time it was right there and you could not see it?

The promises of God are continually being fulfilled. In the time of Christ walking this earth his coming and ministry fulfilled over 300 Old Testament Prophecies.

Many simply chose not to see what was right in front of them.

## **READ... JOHN 8:12**

**ASK** Has anyone ever turned the light on while you were trying to sleep? Where would your anger be focused? On the light? or on the one who turned on the light?

When we are not expecting the brilliance of light it seems awfully harsh to our senses. It's not necessarily the light that is the issue, but how our eyes have dilated to the darkness that causes the discomfort. When we live in the light, darkness cannot overcome it, if we live in darkness, when light comes, it seems far too unbearable to take.

## **READ ... JOHN 8:21-30**

Jesus is drawing a very defined line here, to believe I AM who I say I AM or perish in the consequence of sin, a consequence punishable by eternal separation from God and a free dip in the lake of fire.

**ASK** Where was Jesus going? And why could they not come?

When we die in faith, we receive our eternal dwelling that God had prepared for us from the foundations of the beginning. Jesus knew where he was going, and He knew who would be joining Him.

The Jewish leaders ask Jesus who he is, and his response?

-I AM who my Father says I AM

**ASK** Who do you say Jesus is?

Jesus is truly the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. He came to put His life on the line to secure our Eternal Fate, that any and all who follow Him shall not perish but have eternal life!

Praise God for Our Savior has come!

On the day of His temporary death on the cross was certainly a unique day, yet still many went on in disbelief.

**READ... JOHN 8:31-38**

**ASK** What was the date, and where were you when you first professed with your mouth Jesus is Lord? What brought you to this conclusion?

“It’s not the profession that gets you in to the kingdom. It’s the possession. We must possess what we profess.” -R.C. Sproul

What are ways we can back up our Profession of Christ as our Lord?

We are all born into sin and live in sin until an authentic conversion and adoption into the sonship (or daughtership) of God's Kingdom. All this comes from the mouth of Jesus, by the authority placed on Him from the Creator God Himself.

The revelation Jesus is revealing here is the heavenly exchange to take place on the cross. The life of Jesus Christ in exchange for us. No longer in bondage, but surrendered to the freedom we receive upon our denial of self and daily walk with our Savior.

## **READ... JOHN 8:39-47**

**ASK** Why Did the Jewish people rely so heavily on their lineage for pleasing God, and receiving redemption?

The covenant God made with Abraham lead to the establishment of Gods kingdom and blessings through him. They missed the part of a new covenant to be made. That all families of this earth will be blessed through him.

Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Jesus comes from this lineage, and is the Blessing!

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**TALK ABOUT** Why is it so hard to see the truth when its presented right in front of us? When the truth is revealed, why does it sometimes hurt?

You don't have to say it out loud, though it is so freeing too... What have you or are you struggling to allow the illumination of God into? A relationship? A circumstance? Your alone time?

I implore you to get courageous and let God into your secret place. Repent of your pride, accept His grace and go fourth taking His light into this dark world.

He came in Love and he receives you in Love. His judgement is out of love, GOD IS LOVE.

Go and sin no more...

**TAKE TIME TO PRAY:** Ask God to reveal any and all sin in your life. It's a process of steps to bear it all, but you will be free indeed.

\*\*\* LEAD the group through a time of mediation and picturing themselves alone with Jesus. Alone in our sin, but alone with the judge of our sin, and the One who chooses to set us free.

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

**EXTRA READING:** Read the rest of JOHN 8 this week!  
Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.