



Special Message: Pastor Chris Wingard

Message - The Fathers Footsteps

Sermon Big Picture - As Jesus teaches the crowds, and confronts the religious leaders, He reveals what the Father is truly looking for.

Scripture: John 8:39-47

Examination

1. How did the Pharisees mistake their physical lineage with being spiritual children of God? (See also Jn 1:11-13, Rom 9:6-7)
2. How does Jesus show that what you, who you obey, do reveals who you are and who or what you worship?
3. How are people often tempted to rest on achievements or self-righteousness rather than looking to Christ in faith and believing the gospel?
4. In V.42, what does love for Jesus reveal about our relationship to God the Father?
5. In V.23, Jesus says connects their lack of understanding with a hatred of His words. How does this relate to being born again, and being given "ears that hear"?

Application

1. As we observe the Pharisees trusting in their lineage, their heritage, to make them righteous before God, how do people today do the same thing?

Personal Discipline

To have God as ones Father is to love Jesus, receive His words, and believe. Our true spiritual condition hinges on faith in Christ. Forsake all forms of self-righteousness, and presuming that you are a child of God because of your family, your lineage, your ethnicity, or because you believe yourself to be a "good person". Place your full hope in Christ and the gospel. In Him alone are we made the children of God.