



## Who's Your Daddy?

John 8:42-59

A TASTE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE! (Ephesians 6:12)

### JOHN 8 / BACKGROUND INFO

- OCCASION? Feast of \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE? Jerusalem... the Temple in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:20)
- THEME? \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:12)
- ATMOSPHERE? Intense \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPLE #1: Your response to Jesus is like a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on your spiritual insight.

### WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT HIMSELF IN JOHN 8

- \_\_\_\_\_ of the World (v.12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Incarnate (vv.31-32, 36)
- From \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)
- \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father (vv.16,18, 26, 29)
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.19, 27,42, 49, 54)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (v.46)
- \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (v.51)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24, 28, 58; also see Exodus 3:14)

LET'S PLAY... WHO'S YOUR DADDY? (John 8:39-47)

YOUR FATHER IS \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:44)

PRINCIPLE #2: By nature, we are born \_\_\_\_\_ of God, spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ & children of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 John 5:19 / Ephesians 2:1-3 / 2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

PRINCIPLE #3: There is no one so spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ as the person who \_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPLE #4: Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is established by \_\_\_\_\_, not blood-line.

PRINCIPLE #5: God has no \_\_\_\_\_... only \_\_\_\_\_.

LAST CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR SPIRITUAL FATHER  
(John 8:48-59)



Creekside Events

### Prayer

Begin your time by praying with one another. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in conversation and community today.

### My Story

What are some distinct characteristics about you that are eerily similar to your parents?

### Digging Deep

1. Thinking back on Sunday's message, what idea or lesson stood out to you the most?
2. This passage highlights the reality of the spiritual warfare taking place around us each and every day. How do we keep ourselves spiritually aware of this reality?
3. Earlier in this chapter Jesus makes the declarative statement, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). What does this tell us about His nature? How does this impact our relationship whether we are following Jesus closely, or following Him to a casual degree?

### Digging Deeper

4. **Read John 8:42-47.** What is the significance of Jesus telling the Pharisees that they belong to their father, the devil? Does that still apply to people today? How?
5. What is the danger of spiritual blindness? What would be some differences in behavior displayed by those who are spiritually blinded vs. those who are not?

6. **Read John 8:48-56.** The crowd is blatantly questioning Jesus' identity, even going as far as calling him demon possessed. When faced with this ridicule, how did Jesus respond? What was his defense?
7. **Read John 8:56-59.** What is the significance of Jesus' "I am" statement here? Hint: Read Exodus 3:14 for a clue. How does this claim bring clarity to those who are children of Satan vs. those who are God's children?
8. The Jesus of Nazareth, who is the main focus of the gospels, is the same "I Am" who was with Abraham, Moses, and the nation of Israel in the beginning, as well as the Redeemer of all creation we find in the book of Revelation. Knowing Jesus' true nature as the eternal Son of God within the triune Godhead, how should this reframe how we listen to his message within the gospels?

### Taking It Home

9. Have different people read the following verses out loud: 1 John 5:18-20, Ephesians 2:1-3, and 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. How do these verses relate to this chapter, and how should we approach our daily lives in response to them?
10. Jesus is the Light of the world, and as we continue to draw closer to Him, He will lovingly expose the darkness in our lives so that we can better experience His truth and grace. But having our "darkness" (i.e. sin) drawn into His light can be an uncomfortable process. So what encouragement is there as we strive to live a life with confession and repentance in the name of Jesus?

### Praying Together

As you close in prayer, be reminded that the Light of the world is drawing us closer to Himself, so that we may become children of God rather than of the devil and this fallen world. Pray that we may see and rejoice in the light and goodness of Christ.