



Small Group Notes - John 8:48-59 - Jesus

Some groups may find the following suggested questions a helpful starting point. Don't feel bound by them, rather work at understanding God's word for yourselves, praying that God will help you live in the light of it.

Introductory Questions

Question: Have you ever received information that was both very important and needed to be acted upon? How was the information passed on to you and how did you treat the information?

In this week's passage Jesus twice underlines the importance of what he is saying with the little phrase 'truly truly' or 'very truly'. As Jesus concludes his teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles, he summarises and underlines two important truths.

1 The Work of Jesus - Read John 8:48-51

Question: How does Jesus' teaching in chapters 7-8 help us understand what Jesus means in promising that those who obey his word will 'never see death'?

Question: In what different ways should this truth impact us, individually and as a church family?

Question: How does this truth offer an answer to someone who thinks Christianity is just not relevant for today?

Question: What reasons might be given for doubting the credibility of this claim?

2 The Identity of Jesus - Now Read John 8:52-59

Question: What different things do these verses tell us about the identity of Jesus?

Question: How do these verses give us confidence in Jesus' claim to have overcome death?

Drawing it all together

Over the last few weeks we have seen a range of reactions to Jesus in John 7-8. How should we respond when we see these different reactions to Jesus in the people around us today?

Over the last few weeks we have also heard some wonderful teaching from Jesus in John 7-8. What truth from these chapters will most impact your discipleship?

Now spend time in prayer

What one thing might you ask the other members of your group to pray for you in light of the last few weeks of looking at this teaching of Jesus?