

# MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | THE MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

JOHN 8:31-59

## BIG IDEA

True disciples have a genuine faith in Christ that is seen by our love for Jesus and our desire to take Him at His word, believing what He promises and obeying what He commands.

## OVERVIEW

### MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

#### 1. A true disciple **holds** to Jesus' teaching (verse 31).

- Holding to Jesus' teaching includes:
  - hearing
  - knowing
  - believing
  - following
- How do we know we are holding onto Jesus' teaching? His truth has set us free (verse 32)!
- "But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance." Romans 6:17
  - Holding onto Jesus' teaching means we believe we are sinners who need to be set free, and by God's grace we are set free through faith in Christ!
  - Holding onto Jesus' teaching means we embrace our new identity—children of God!
  - "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—" John 1:12

#### 2. A true disciple **loves** Jesus (verse 42).

- "If you love me, keep my commands." John 14:15

#### 3. A true disciple **hears** God's Word (verse 47).

- "He replied, 'My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice.'" Luke 8:21