

HOMework

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COME AND SEE | THE MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

JOHN 8:31-59

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read John 8:31-59.
2. As you read through the passage, pay attention to what Jesus and others say or do in relationship to the Word of God or Jesus' teaching.
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. As a group, make a list of qualities that you believe describe a follower or disciple of Jesus. Which 1-2 do you think are most important?
2. Describe a time in your life where the truth of God's Word brought a new freedom into your life.

DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. Read John 8:31-47.
 - a. In your own words, what does it mean to hold to Jesus' teaching?
 - b. Look up Matthew 7:24-27. What does this story from Jesus teach about a person's response to God's Word?
 - c. From what does the Truth set us free? Look up Romans 6:17-23; 8:1-2; Galatians 5:1.

2. Reread the story of Abraham in Genesis 12:1-4, 15:1-6. How did Abraham hold onto God's Word?
 - a. The New Testament references Abraham's faith over and over. What does it say? (Romans 4:3-5, 18-25; Galatians 3:6-11; Hebrews 11:8-10; James 2:23-24)

BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Personal Reflection

1. Do you bear the marks of a true disciple? What's your attitude to the Bible?
2. How can you grow your love for Jesus this year?
3. Have you confused your spiritual heritage or profession for true faith?
4. Who has your ear—the father of lies or the God of all truth? How do you know?

Group Application

1. What are the lies that Christ-followers are believing today and what is the truth?
2. How can we encourage each other to hold onto Jesus' teaching?
3. Is there an area in your life where you need the truth to set you free? Perhaps someone would feel comfortable to share so that together we can explore how God's word speaks to that issue resulting in freedom.
4. Share with each other your Bible reading plan.

DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. Read Jesus' parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and note the different responses to God's Word and reflect on the implications for you personally.

RESOURCES

- » [BibleProject.org](https://www.bibleproject.org)
- » [Read Through the Bible](#) (YouVersion App)
- » [The New Testament in 90 Days](#) (YouVersion App)
- » [Eat this Book](#) (YouVersion App)