

Liberator of Slaves (John 8)

Questions: Week Eight

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony - John 8:12-30

Topics: <u>Authority</u>, <u>Believe</u>, <u>Darkness</u>, <u>Eternal Life</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Judgment</u>, <u>Knowledge</u>, <u>Leadership</u>, <u>Light</u>, <u>People</u>, <u>World</u>

Open It

- 1. What kind of credentials are valued most by the people you work with?
- 2. *When was a time you were able to verify someone else's testimony?

- 3. Who did Jesus say that He was? (8:12)
- 4. What did Jesus say would be the result of following Him? (8:12)
- 5. How did the Pharisees challenge Jesus? (8:13)
- 6. *Why did Jesus say His own testimony was valid? (8:14)
- 7. Why did Jesus say His decisions were right? (8:15-16)
- 8. *What two witnesses did Jesus claim testified on His behalf? (8:17-18)
- 9. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees didn't know His Father? (8:19)
- 10. Why didn't anyone seize Jesus? (8:20)
- 11. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' words? (8:21-22)
- 12. What did Jesus say would be the consequence of not believing in Him? (8:23-24)
- 13. What question did the Jews ask Jesus? (8:25)
- 14. How did Jesus answer the Jews' question? (8:25-26)
- 15. *At what point did Jesus say that the people would know who He was? (8:27-28)
- 16. Whom did Jesus say He pleased? (8:29)
- 17. How did the people respond to Jesus' words? (8:30)

- 18. How do you know God the Father?
- 19. In what way is Jesus a "light"?
- 20. How is Jesus the light in your world?
- 21. How were you in darkness before you believed in Jesus?
- 22. *Why is Jesus' testimony credible to you?
- 23. Why are people today confused about Jesus' identity?
- 24. How is Jesus' relationship with God an example for our relationship with God?
- 25. In what way has God been reliable in your life?
- 26. *What would people say about the validity of your testimony?

- 27. How can you seek to please God with what you do today?
- 28. *In what way can you testify on behalf of Jesus this week?

The Children of Abraham - John 8:31-41

Topics: <u>Believe</u>, <u>Children</u>, <u>Freedom</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>New Life</u>, <u>Salvation</u>, <u>Sin</u>, <u>Slavery</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>Understanding</u>, <u>Words</u>

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- 1. *To what sort of things do people today become enslaved?
- 2. What does it mean to you to be free? What doesn't it mean?

- 3. What did Jesus say to the Jews who had believed in Him? (8:31)
- 4. *What did Jesus say the truth would do for those who knew it? (8:32)
- 5. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' statement about freedom? (8:33)
- 6. *Who did Jesus say is a slave to sin? (8:34)
- 7. How does Jesus distinguish a slave from a son? (8:35)
- 8. *What is the result of being freed by the Son? (8:36)
- 9. What did Jesus say the Jews were ready to do? (8:37)
- 10. Who did the Jews say was their father? (8:39)
- 11. In what way were the Jews mistaken about Abraham? (8:39)
- 12. What did Abraham not do? (8:40)
- 13. What claim did Jesus' accusers make? (8:41)

- 14. How are you like your mother or father?
- 15. To what sin are you a slave?
- 16. *From what sin have you been set free?
- 17. *How does truth set someone free?
- 18. How has the Son set you free?
- 19. In what way are we like God our Father?
- 20. When do we act like illegitimate children?

- 21. *How can you better enjoy your freedom in the Son?
- 22. From what enslaving sin will you ask God to set you free?
- 23. What action will you take in order to act more like a child of God?

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The Claims of Jesus About Himself - John 8:48-59

Topics: <u>Accusation</u>, <u>Authority</u>, <u>Believe</u>, <u>Death</u>, <u>Demons</u>, <u>Glory</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Hardheartedness</u>, <u>Heresy</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Motives</u>, <u>Truth</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>Understanding</u>, <u>Words</u>

Open It

- 1. Over what area of your life do you feel you have the least amount of control?
- 2. *How would you respond if you were falsely accused of doing something you hadn't done?

- 3. *Of what did the Jews accuse Jesus? (8:48)
- 4. How did Jesus respond to the accusation against Him? (8:49)
- 5. What did Jesus say He wasn't seeking? (8:50)
- 6. What did Jesus say would be the result of keeping His word? (8:51)
- 7. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim? (8:52)
- 8. What question did the Jews ask Jesus? (8:53)
- 9. Who glorifies Jesus? (8:54)
- 10. *Whom did Jesus claim to know? (8:55)
- 11. What made Abraham rejoice? (8:56)
- 12. *Why were the Jews so astonished by what Jesus said? (8:57)
- 13. Before whom did Jesus claim He had existed? (8:58)
- 14. What did the Jews attempt to do to Jesus? Why? (8:58-59)

- 15. How do you usually respond to things you don't understand or can't explain?
- 16. How do you respond to situations that you can't control?
- 17. *How do you respond when your authority is being challenged?
- 18. To what authorities in life do you appeal for truth?
- 19. Whose glory do you seek?
- 20. *How can you honor God with your life?
- 21. How does a person keep Jesus' word?
- 22. How well do you keep Jesus' word?
- 23. How do you know that you know God?

- 24. What is one way that you can honor God with your life today?
- 25. *How can you seek God's glory rather than your own in your work this week?
- 26. What do you need to do in order to keep Jesus' word?