

WORKOUT

JOHN 8:31-59

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read all of John chapter 8, focusing on verses 31-59.

- Consider the people's response to Jesus in verse 31 versus their response to Him in verse 59. Why do their reactions shift so significantly?
- Ponder the difference between Jesus saying the people are descended from Abraham (8:37) and being children of Abraham (8:39-41).
 - Also, consider verses like Romans 2:28-29, Romans 9:6-8, and Galatians 3:25-29.
 - What are the implications of this for how those who would claim to be Christians should act?
 - Consider what this passage reveals about the Word, truth, love, sin, and the devil.
- What does Jesus' declaration, "Before Abraham was, I am," reveal about Himself? Why is this revelation so significant? Consider how this declaration relates to John 1:1-5, 6:35, and 8:12.

Pray Holistically

Read John 8:30 and 59, and consider the progression throughout this conversation. Those who are said to believe in Jesus eventually turn to pick up stones to throw at him.

- Pray for those in and around the church who have made a profession of faith. Pray that our belief would be a saving belief, unto repentance and faith in Jesus. Pray that we would not become defensive or angry when our sin is exposed (8:41), or when we are confronted with having believed lies (8:44). Pray that we would submit to God even when we do not understand. Pray that we would have ears to hear the Word of God (8:43).
- Read and pray Hebrews 3:12-13 for yourself and our church.

Read John 8:58 and Exodus 3:14. Pray in adoration of the Lord, the great I AM.

Pray Personally

Read and pray John 8:31-34.

- Read John 6:56 and pray that you would abide ([remain, dwell](#)) in the Word of God, as true followers of Christ do.
- Pray that you would grow in your knowledge of the truth that sets us free from sin.
- Pray in confession of the sins that you continue to practice.

Read Ephesians 5:3-14 and think about the relationship between this passage and Jesus as the light of the world. Whoever believes in Him will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. How might you pursue walking in the light this week? Consider the following questions. Write your answers in your journal or talk about them with your Go Group.

- Think back to your conversations last week. What did others observe in your life? Was there anything that you were quietly hoping they wouldn't see, notice, or ask about?
- Spend some time in careful examination of your heart through the lens of Scripture. Commit time to prayerfully reflect on your life and heart, considering each of your desires and motivations. Do not be quick to assume that you are excused or exempt from any of the sins or temptations that Scripture warns us about.
 - Read Ephesians 5:3-5. Which of these are sins that you need to repent of? Remember John 8:34, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.
 - Where are you tempted toward sexual immorality or impurity? Where are you tempted toward covetousness or idolatry? Where are you tempted toward foolish talk or crude joking?
 - Read Ephesians 5:7 and think about the things and people that influence you the most. For example, consider the people you spend the most time with, the entertainment you consume, and the people you follow on social media.
 - Are there any areas of your life where you are allowing in sinful influences? Are there spheres of influence in which you act less like the light of Christ shining in a dark world and more like a partner of the sons of disobedience?
 - Read Ephesians 5:9 and Philippians 4:8-9 and consider your daily actions through their lens. Are you pursuing what is good, right, and true?

