

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS (July 9, 2017)

Whose Your Daddy?

(John 8:31-59)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you:

- It's summertime...what is your favorite ice cream? Consider serving ice cream to your group.

Read John 8:31-38

- Whenever you don't know what to do (praying about a decision), what is a good question to ask? John 8:29
- When it says; many believed in Him (vs. 30)...what does it mean or how does this occur?
- A true child of God will what? (vs. 31)
- What will the truth do (vs. 32)? Can you provide an example of what this might look like?
- What are some "popular" sins that enslave people today?
- What are some names we give sin today to remove personal responsibility or make it feel more palatable?

1) Abraham is our Father.

- Describe the differences between a son and a slave.
- What did Jesus know about the heart of these people? What were they planning?

Read John 8:39-43

- Jesus tells them they weren't acting like Abraham. Describe Abraham's faith (Hebrews 11:8-12).
- When Jesus said they were imitating their real father, who did He have in mind (vs. 41)?
- What cutting accusation did they make toward Jesus and His mother (vs. 41)? Why?
- If God was their Father, how would they have responded (vs. 42)?

Read John 8:44-48

2) The Devil is your father.

- Jesus unmasks the devil and tells us two things about him. What are they (vs. 43-44)?
- What do you know about the devil...his origin? How he works...his future? Can you find scripture to back this up?
- They don't like the fact that Jesus tells them that the devil is their father. What blistering comment do they make against Christ (vs. 48)? How is this really a compliment?

Read John 8:49-59

3) God is My Father.

- Jesus has power over the tomb and time. Explain.
- How is Jesus greater than Abraham?
- What is Jesus claiming when He says; before Abraham was even born, I AM (vs. 58)?

CLOSE:

- Some people try to get to heaven on their daddy's "coat tail." Why is this impossible?
- How does the devil deceive people today?
- Is Jesus really God?
- What puzzles you about this lesson?
- What encourages you about this lesson?
- If Jesus is your Savior, then God is your Father. How does that make you feel or impact you?