



Week 13 Discussion Questions

Text: John 8:31-59

Icebreaker: One part of Calvary's mission is to "Make Disciples" which means being a follower of Jesus, growing in love for God and love for others. What has discipleship looked like in your own life and journey with Jesus?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. Up until this point in John, people's responses to Jesus has been divided. In this passage, Jesus addresses those who have believed in Him and tells them what it means to be His disciples. Identify up to five things Jesus describes as marks of a disciple in this passage.
3. Discuss the relation between Jesus being the Word of God (John 1:1) and the Light of the World (John 8:12).
4. What does it mean to *Abide* in Jesus word?
5. Jesus using the imagery of "slavery" to describe the impact of Sin in our lives. Discuss why Jesus would use this imagery and how you have experienced this truth in your own life.
6. Jesus says that the result of abiding in His word is to know the truth and be set free from slavery to sin. What does Jesus reveal here about our relationship to Sin as Christians?
7. What is freedom according to Jesus?
8. The Jews try to claim relation to Abraham by birth, but Jesus suggests being related to Abraham is to do what Abraham did. Read Genesis 18 and discuss Abraham's reception of God's messengers.
9. What is Abraham's example believers in Jesus are meant to imitate?

10. Jesus says that "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here." How does Jesus go on to describe what it means to love Him?
11. Sin and darkness lead to death. How have you seen this to be true in the world or your own life lately?
12. Truth and light lead to life. How have you seen this to be true in the world or your own life lately?