

BRMC Small Group Study: John 8:12-59

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Lesson Objectives:

- To learn and understand Jesus' true divine identity of being of the Father and is honoured by him.
- To see how Jesus exposes God's chosen people as hypocrites as they do not truly understand their legacy as Abraham's descendants.

Read John 8:12-59

Observation 1a. What is the revelation of Jesus' identity? (John 8:12-20)

Interpretation 1b. What is the significance of Jesus' claim?

Observation 2a. What did Jesus' mention about his mission? (John 8:21-30)

Interpretation 2b. How do you explain that Jesus is from 'above' and that people are from 'below'?

Observation 3a. How is Jesus' role in setting people free contrasted with the Jewish claims that they are free because they are sons of Abraham? (John 8:31-38)

Interpretation 3b. What truly sets us free?

Observation 4a. Describe the two identities, that of (1) Being fathered by God and (2) Being fathered by the devil. (John 8:39-47)

Interpretation 4b. Why did Jesus imply that his listeners (the Jews) were not truly children of Abraham?

Observation 5a. Who did Jesus claim to be in relation to the Father and to Abraham? (John 8:48-59)

Interpretation 5b. Why would it be so difficult for the Jews to accept that Jesus is the “I am”?

Application

6. What are some ways in which we have been acting as children of the devil? How can we change that?

7. How have you experienced being set free from slavery to the oppression of sin?