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John 8:31-47

“Like Father, Like Son”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Icebreaker. Walter mentioned the danger of people using Christian platitudes such as “follow your heart.” What are some more examples of this and what is the truth that the statement is distorting? Examples –

- Follow your heart, Truth: our hearts are evil and in need of redemption.
- God won’t give you more than you can handle. The truth is God OFTEN gives us more than we can handle in our own strength because his strength is made perfect in our weakness.
- When someone dies people say, there is a new angel in heaven how. Truth – there is no scriptural evidence that people become angels when we die.

2. Walter reminded us that the devil is sly and discrete. What are some defense mechanisms that we can build up to protect from his pursuit? How can we help each other?

3. Jesus said, “You are my disciples if you abide in my word.” How well are you abiding? What prevents you from abiding in the day to day?

4. Salvation begins a process of sanctification that will one day lead to glorification. Sanctification is a lifelong journey for the believer. Currently, how is God working out your sanctification? In what ways can we help each other in the journey?

5. What are some constant themes that we have seen in the last few weeks of teaching from John 7 & 8? How are we similar to the people who Jesus is addressing?

6. How do we become slaves to sin? Despite stern warnings from Scripture, our hearts are prone to wander away from God’s plan. Walter said that sin is often the result of a legitimate need being met by an illegitimate means. What are some examples of how sin fails to deliver on its promises?

7. Think of the differences between slaves and sons. If we truly believe we are sons, then how does this change our belief and security in God’s love for us.

8. We must know our sin patterns and cravings and surrender them. Freedom is the result. Discuss among the group how sin affects your witness, your communication with the father, and your joy & peace.

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