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John 8:48-59

“Before Abraham Was, I Am”

QUESTIONS

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

1. We have seen escalating hostility toward Jesus and his message for the last two chapters. Why do you think this was the initial reaction? Why did Jesus' claims produce shock and rage among the hearers?
2. “Before Abraham was, I am” – What was the significance of this claim to a people who held Abraham in such high regard? How is this one of Jesus' strongest claims of deity?
3. The darkness of unbelief comes in various forms. What are some “modern day” contributing factors of people doubting and denying the claims of the Christian faith? Discuss within the group some resistance to modern day unbelief (e.g., self-sufficiency, stubbornness, apathy, etc.).
4. This promise of eternal life is both inclusive and exclusive. Discuss this idea in your group. What encouragement can we find from both of these truths? How should the exclusivity of this claim affect our lives?
5. Jesus deserves glory, but he rejects self-seeking glory in this conversation. How can we follow Jesus' example in a society that is inviting us to bring glory to ourselves? How do you find yourself subtly competing for Jesus' glory?
6. What can this passage teach us about our own sinful tendencies? How can we be challenged this week to walk in obedience?
7. Many non-believers argue that Jesus was a prophet and a good, moral teacher? Why is this not a feasible argument? (Refer to the CS Lewis quote.)

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