

Series: John

Sermon: 8:48-59

1. In John 8:30-31 John records that many of the Pharisees believed in Jesus. What revelations help us to see that their belief was not true saving faith?

2. Given the Pharisees response to Jesus' claim in verse 58, what key aspect of Jesus' identity did they not believe? _____

3. Who is a child of Abraham? There was much debate between Jesus and the Jewish leaders about who the true children of Abraham are.

A. Did the Pharisees consider themselves to be children of Abraham? _____ Did they consider God to be their Father? See John 8:38-41. _____

B. Did Jesus, God in the flesh, consider them to be children of Abraham? _____ Did Jesus consider God to be their Father? See John 8:39-44

4. What about today? Are all Jews to be considered children of Abraham with God as their Father? _____ Why or why not? Read Romans 9:1-6 and Galatians 3:7-9, and prepare an answer for someone who claims that modern day Jews are all the people of God?

5. What ethnicity was the Sanhedrin that put Jesus to death? _____ What ethnicity were Jesus and the Apostles? _____ Some genetic children of Abraham hated Jesus, spit on Him, mocked Him, and put Him to death, some genetic children of Abraham followed Christ, were His Apostles, and gave their life for Him. What does this mean for a person being of Jewish descent?

6. The Jewish leaders had morphed the religion of Abraham and Moses into a works-based religion. When Jesus came to save and set free from the bondage of sin, they saw no need for such a thing and were even offended by the offer to be set free. See John 8:31-38. How would you talk to someone who saw no need for Jesus because they believed that his or her works were sufficient to get to heaven?
