

## Week Five: John Chapters 7 & 8

As you're reading John chapters 7 & 8, continue asking the Holy Spirit to renew your thinking to realign with God's Word. Ask Him to expand your heart to receive His Word into the deep places of your being.

This week we'll see Jesus continuing to reveal His identity through His teaching, separating Himself out as one who has been in heaven and who knows the Father. Note the emphasis placed on truth, light and freedom as well as the pathway to walking in them. May you walk securely on the pathway as you follow Jesus!

### Day One: Read John 7:1-24.

1. What is the reason Jesus gives for the world hating Him?

2. a) Where does Jesus claim His teaching comes from?

b) How does He say we find out if this is true or not?

c) Read Joshua 24:15. We all choose to serve something. What do you choose and why?

3. Explain John 7:18 in your own words.

4. a) Review verses 21-24. Write out verse 24.

b) Ask the Lord to show you a place in your heart where you are judging in this way.

c) In prayer, repent. Then ask: *In this situation, Lord, show me what would be a "right judgment."* You might want to read 1 Samuel 16:7.

### Day Two: Read John 7:25-44.

5. In verses 28-29 and 33, what claims does Jesus make about Himself? Why do you think He emphasizes this?

6. a) What claims does Jesus make about Himself in verses 37-39?

b) Now read Revelation 21:6, 22:1, and 22:17. The same Greek word for *water* is used in each of these verses. As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about this *water* from a heavenly perspective. Write down what you see, hear, or sense God is showing you.

c) Write a prayer to the Lord in response to John 7:37-39.

### Day Three: Read John 7:45-53 and John 8:1-11.

7. a) Note the focus the Pharisees put on following the law. What does the law say concerning the woman caught in adultery?

b) Why did the Pharisee's ask Jesus this question?

c) How does Jesus respond to the crowd gathered around the woman?

8. Ask the Lord if there is a place where you have held judgment against yourself or someone else because God's law has been broken. What does Jesus say to you?

9. Jesus' final words to the woman were, "Go now and leave your life of sin." Is there something Jesus is asking you to leave behind so that you can live in freedom?

**Day Four: Read John 8:12-32.**

10. a) Look at John 8:12. Jesus says, "I am \_\_\_\_\_". Whoever follows me will \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Read this verse out loud several times. There is a promise given to you. Keep repeating it out loud until your spirit starts responding, believing that what Jesus said then is true for you today.

11. Jesus continues teaching from the vantage point of one who has been to heaven and knows the Father. Look at verses 23 & 24. What does Jesus say will happen "If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be..."?

12. a) We learn a lot from "when/then" and "if/then" statements. In verse 28, what happens "when you have lifted up the Son of Man"?

b) Ask the Lord how you personally can lift up the Son of Man. Write down what comes to mind.

13. a) Look at verse 29. What does Jesus always do?

b) Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how this is possible.

14. a) In verses 31 & 32, we have another if/then statement, "If \_\_\_\_\_, you are really \_\_\_\_\_." Then \_\_\_\_\_."

b) Ask the Lord what He wants to say to you about this profound truth.

**Day Five: Read John 8:33-59.**

15. Look back and reread day 4, question 15. How does Jesus compare slavery to bondage and son ship to freedom?

16. a) In verse 37, why does it say that the people were ready to kill Jesus?

b) Pray: *Holy Spirit, make room in my heart for God's Word, lots and lots of room! Expand my heart and fill it to full capacity and then expand it some more. I want Your Word to inhabit and occupy my heart. Amen.*

17. a) In verse 42 we have another if/then statement. Explain it in your own words.

b) Verse 43 gives us a why/because lesson. Explain it in your own words.

18. a) If you knew nothing about Jesus and read His words recorded in John 8:54-56, how would you describe His relationship to God?

b) Ask the Lord to speak to you concerning your relationship with God. What does He say? Listen. Be still. Why is He pleased you are spending time with Him today? Record the thoughts that come to mind.