

Growth Group Questions – 7 Crazy Things Jesus's Said – 1

For starters... How were you challenged/encouraged/comforted by last Sunday's sermon?

Reading to Understand – John 8:12-59

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?



4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?



Going Deeper...

5. Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees (and other Jews) in chapter 8 is a continuation of his presence at the Feast of Tabernacles that began in chapter 7. This feast celebrated God's provision and presence as He led the people to the promised land through the wilderness.

In Jesus' day this feast had a particular ceremony that involved lighting 4 large oil lamps in the temple court of the women. These lights symbolised God's presence (His glory that filled the first temple), and the saving light to come promised in places like Isaiah 9:2 and 60:1-3.

When Jesus proclaims "I am the light of the world" what is He claiming about...

- Who He is?
- Why He has come?

6. In v. 24 Jesus tells the people that if you don't know who I am "you will indeed die in your sins" – Why is the belief that Jesus is God incarnate crucial to a saving faith?

7. Jesus is the truth who sets us free (vv. 31-36).

- What does Jesus set us free from?
- How does Jesus set us free?

8. This whole encounter Jesus has at the Feast of Tabernacles is centred around the question – Who is Jesus? In v. 53 the Jews are deeply confused and ask Jesus, “Who do you think you are?”

- How does Jesus answer them?
- Why does what Jesus said in v. 58 appear crazy?

9. How does the truth that Jesus is God...

- Assure us of our salvation?
- Comfort us when we are struggling with sin?
- Encourage us when life is hard?

Growing Together In Christ

Know →

How has this study helped you to know Jesus better?

Trust →

How has this study encouraged you to trust Jesus more?

Love →

How has this study challenged you to love like Jesus?

Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Lord God, I praise you because...

God of grace, forgive me for...

God of faithfulness, thank you for...

Loving Father, please help me...