

KNOWING REAL LOVE**Jesus is the Truth****John 8:21–59**

“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31–32

1. In this week’s passage, Jesus is still teaching in the most public part of the temple. Read John 8:21–30. What phrase does Jesus repeat three times in verses 21–24?
2. What is the one sin that always leads to death? (vs. 24) What is the one remedy? (John 6:29) How does this “one sin” affect your life everyday? How does the “one remedy” change your life?
3. What are the claims that Jesus makes about himself in verses 23–29? How will the people know that his claims are true? (vs. 28)
4. Read John 8:31–41. What does Jesus say results from holding to his teaching (vs. 31)?
5. How does Jesus describe freedom? What is the difference between a slave and a son? What does it mean to you to be free through the Son? How do you sometimes live as a slave rather than as a child of God?
6. Who is Abraham and what did he do? (Genesis 12:1–4; Romans 4:3 [Note: Abram = Abraham]) Why is it so important to the Jews that they are the children of Abraham? How does this affect how they hear Jesus’ words?
7. Read John 8:42–47. How does Jesus distinguish those who are children of God from those who are children of the Devil? Why do you think Jesus is speaking so strongly in this section?

