

## John 8:12-59 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In John 8:25-29 how do the Jews reveal their ignorance (v25, 27)? How did Jesus respond to this (v25-26) and what would they come to know (v28-29)? How (v28)?

5. Read John 8:30-36. What did Jesus declare to His new followers (v30-32)? Explain this. What did they misunderstand (v33) and how did Jesus clarify His meaning (v34-36)? Apply.

6. Using John 8:37-42 what did Jesus reveal about them (v37, 38) and how did they answer (v39)? What was Jesus' comeback (v40-41, 42) and how did they react to this (v41)?

7. Based on John 8:43-47 why did they not understand Jesus (v43, 44-45, 46-47)? Who were they like (v44) and how did they act (v44)?

8. In John 8:48-52 what did they resort to (48) and how did Jesus respond (v49-50)? What did He further reveal (v51) and how did they react to this (v52)?

9. Looking at John 8:53-55 of what did they accuse Jesus (v53) and what was His defense (v54, 55)? What truth did He speak about them (v55)?

10. From John 8:56-59 what truths did Jesus boldly declare (v56, 58) and what did this mean? How did the Jews react (v57, 59) and why? What was the outcome (v59)?

11. Look back over John 8. Summarize the influence of Jesus (8:12-30), the impact of following Him (8:31-47), and His true identity (8:48-59).

### Scripture to Remember

“If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.”

**John 8:36 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Peace (Gal 5:22; Phil 4:4-7)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. What one word would describe how you feel about being “at peace”? What does the concept of true “peace” mean and why it is so appealing to most people?
2. Read Phil 4:4-7. What does this passage promise and what is the premise? Why do love, joy and peace go together—i.e., how do they relate to each other?
3. According to Phil 4:6 how does faith lead to peace? What does it mean to replace the “habit of worry” with the “habit of prayer”? Why is this vital to peace?
4. Talk about some aspects of prayer that enable us to have peace—the process of prayer, the attitude of prayer, and the gratitude of prayer. How are you doing?
5. Four of the five things we can do to minister peace have to do with attitude—be an initiator, be interested, be innovative, and be intentional. What do these mean and which one do you need to work on the most?
6. Discuss why it is important to be issue-centered to be a peacemaker. Why do the 4 approaches—lawyer, theologian, psychologist, and historian—not work?
7. Talk about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



# THE LIFE OF JESUS

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## Like Father, Like Son

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**Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In the 2005 made-for-television movie, "Like Father, Like Son", the teenage son suddenly discovers the truth that his imprisoned dad is a serial killer. The obvious question is whether or not he is like his father. This week's study deals with the same issue. Jesus explains that His words and actions are simply because He is like His Father in heaven, while those of the Jews come from their bloodline, too; they are like their father, Satan. The discussion began with Jesus claiming influence as the Light of the world. This self-pronouncement caused the Jews to resist Him because He alone said it. He countered that not only was His testimony true, but His Father in heaven confirmed it as well. He then stated that He was going away, and since they would

die in their sins and were only of this world, they could not follow. However, if they would believe that He was "I Am", the name of God, they could avoid this; they couldn't accept this though. He then said they would know it when He was "lifted up", or crucified, an event that would occur because the Father willed it. These words caused many to believe, but He had more to say to them. He wanted to clarify the impact of believing in Him. If they abided in His words then they were His disciples, they would know the truth, and this truth would set them free. They recoiled at the idea that they were enslaved, though, since the Jews considered themselves as free people even though under Roman dominance. Jesus, however, told them that anyone who committed sin was a slave of sin. He

went on to say that since they were lying and seeking to kill Him that they were slaves of sin; they were acting like their father, the devil, instead of Abraham their physical forefather. They tried to refute this by simply calling Him names—a demonic Samaritan. He denied this, and rather gave them His true identity. He told them that before Abraham was, "I Am", claiming deity and eternity with the Father. They considered this blasphemy, so they tried to stone Him. He was not boasting, though; He was only saying "like father, like son".

## Study Questions for John 8:12-59

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read John 8:12-15. How did Jesus identify Himself (v12) and how would this affect others (v12)? What was the Pharisees' complaint (v13), why were they wrong (v15) and why was Jesus right (v14)?</p>	
<p>2. Using John 8:16-20 why was Jesus' judgment true (v16, 17-18) and what question did this raise (v19)? How did Jesus respond (v19) and why did they not seize Him (v20)?</p>	
<p>3. From John 8:21-24 what did Jesus tell the Jews (v21) and what did they think He might mean (v22)? What further truth did He reveal to them (v23, 24)?</p>	

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