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## ***True Discipleship***

**John 8:31-38**

### **I. The Definition of True Disciples (vv. 31-32)**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God (Jn. 15:4-11)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the truth (Jn. 14:6; Matt. 16:13-17;  
1 Jn. 5:20)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ free (Jn. 8:36; Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:17;  
Gal. 5:1; 1 Pet. 2:16)

### **II. The Deception of False Disciples (v. 33)**

- A. A focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 2:28-29; 9:6-8)
- B. A denial of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 23:23;  
Matt:11:28-30)
- C. A confusion about true \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 5:13)

### **III. The Difference Between the Two (vv. 34-38)**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ to sin does not have eternal life (vv. 34-35a) [Isa. 1:5; Jms. 1:8; Titus 3:5; 2 Pet. 2:14; Eph. 2:2-3; Col. 1:13; Jn. 8:44]
- B. The children of God are \_\_\_\_\_ and live forever (vv. 35b-36) [Gal. 4:21-31; Rom. 6:14, 18, 22]
- C. It's not about your physical lineage but your \_\_\_\_\_ lineage (vv. 37-38) [Gal. 3:6-7; Rom. 9:6-8]

### **TAKE HOME**

- Are you a true \_\_\_\_\_?
- Are you using your \_\_\_\_\_ well?
- Does Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ find its place in you?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 8:31. What does it mean to abide in Christ? (John 15:4-11). What does it mean that Christ abides in you?

2. Read John 8:32. What is the truth that Jesus is talking about? (John 14:6) What is the source of truth for our world today? What is your source of truth? (Matt. 16:13-17; 1 Jn. 5:20)

3. What does Jesus mean by saying that the truth will set you free? (Jn. 8:36; Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1; 1 Pet. 2:16)

4. Read John 8:33. How is it that the Jews were focused more on the external? (Rom. 2:28-29) How did the Jews deny the reality of their bondage? (Matt 23:23; Matt. 11:28-30)

5. Read John 8:34-35a. What does Jesus say here about the slave to sin? Is the condition of the natural man as bad as he thinks or worse? (Isa. 1:5; Jms. 1:8; Titus 3:5; 2 Pet. 2:14; Eph. 2:2-3; Col. 1:13; Jn. 8:44)

6. Read John 8:35b-36. How are you set free? What are you set free to do? (Gal. 5:13)

7. Read John 8:37-38. What is Jesus saying in these verses? How does Gal. 3:6-7 and Rom. 9:7-8 help us understand this better?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? How will you use your freedom this week to glorify God and to serve others?

*“Nothing can do but the freedom which Christ alone bestows.  
He gives it freely to all who seek it humbly. Then let us never rest till it is our own.”*

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*