

Truly My Disciples

John 8:31-59

Introduction: John 8:31-59 - Truth that Frees - 30, 59

1. Is a believer someone who is physically born into God's family? (33-40)
2. Is a believer someone who can hear God apart from Jesus? (42-47)

Concept: Knowing God leads to knowing Jesus Christ; it is not possible to separate the two; they are one God, yet distinct.

3. Is a believer someone who gets it wrong about Jesus? (48-59)

Concept: Keeping Jesus' words are no less than keeping and doing God's Word, God's will.

John 8:31-32 - "True Disciples" - Passing the Test

"Truly My Disciples" - (31) - "truly" means "really, authentically".

Conclusion: The world has three groups, unbelievers, believers who are not really believers and true believers. (Matthew 13:24-30; Matthew 12:33; 7:21)

"In my Word" - (31) - The word translated "word" is singular, and makes reference to all that Jesus said, not just one word or one speaking engagement. (1 Samuel 3:2)

Conclusion: Philippians 3:7-11 - I know God and Jesus Christ primarily through the Word, by being "in the word"; by submitting to the word, by having the word as my primary influence. This is what it means to be "in the word".

"Abiding" - (31) - The word translated "abide" means "to stay with" the words of Jesus. (John 15:4-8)

Application: This statement (John 8:31-32) makes three important distinctions and applications from our text for us today.

First, if I am a true disciple I am blessed and affirmed in my faith journey.

Second, if I am a lost person I am confronted with life's greatest choice.

Third, if I am a fake disciple, Today could be the greatest day of a real life and begin the journey of true discipleship.