

Lesson 18

JESUS IS THE TRUTH WHO SETS US FREE

Key Verse: 31-32

1. Who is Jesus speaking to (30-31a)? What condition did Jesus make for really being his disciple (31b)? Why do you think he said this? What does “hold to my teaching” mean practically? What did Jesus promise those who do so, and what do you think this means (32, 36; 14:6)?
2. How would you describe their response to Jesus’ declaration (33)? What offended them and what does this show about their belief? What kind of liberation is Jesus referring to (34-36; 1:12-13)? What gives him the right to set people free (35-36)?
3. How did Jesus show the inconsistency in their claim to be Abraham’s children (37-40)? What did they claim next and how did Jesus refute it (41-42)? What was the real cause of their unbelief (37,43,47)? How did their actions reveal who they really belonged to (44-47)?
4. What do you notice about the progression in their responses (33,39,41b,48)? How did Jesus not react but trust God in his response (49-50)? What amazing claim did Jesus make (51)? What enraged them about this claim (52-53)?
5. How did Jesus defend his claim (54-56)? Why were they incredulous (57)? What does Jesus’ claim “I am” mean (58; Ex 3:14)? How did they respond and why (59)?
6. What does this passage tell us about the truth and freedom in Jesus?