



## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP STUDY

### WEEK 5: JOHN 7-8

#### WARM UP

- Can you think of a time when you have said (or really wanted to say) "You're not doing it right" to someone? How did they respond?
- Has anyone ever said it to you? How did that go?

#### WHO IS JESUS?

**1) Read John 7:1-9.** Jesus' brothers essentially said to him, "You're not doing it right". What was their reason? Do people hold similar opinions about God today?

**2) Read John 7:10-13.** These verses give the context for what follows. In your own words, describe the scene.

**3) Read John 7:14-24.** The people swing wildly in their opinions about Jesus (v16, 24). In a few words, how would you describe the content *and tone* of Jesus here?

**4) Read 7:25-44.** There's a big debate going on. What are the reasons given for and against Jesus being the Messiah? (Note the "false information" in v42b-43) To what extent might people today not believe in Jesus based on false information/understanding?

**5) Look at Jesus' teaching (v28-29, 33-34, 37-38).** Why is Jesus being a bit cryptic here and not more direct?

**6) Read 8:12-20.** List the big claims Jesus makes here.

**7) Read 8:21-30.** Jesus now speaks directly against the Pharisees (this continues into v31-47, if you want to read more). What are Jesus' issues with the Pharisees? When would it be okay for us to confront people like this?

**8) The situation has escalated quickly!**

- The Pharisees now insult Jesus (**read v48**)
- Jesus responds with a massive claim (**read v49-51**)
- The Pharisees double down (**read v52-53**)
- Jesus fires back with serious heat (**read v54-56**)
- The Pharisees basically laugh in his face (**read v57**)
- Jesus drops the mic (**read v58** and **Exodus 3:13-15**)
- The Pharisees pick up stones (**read v59**)

Some people believe Jesus never actually claimed to be God. How would you answer them?

## **BRING IT HOME**

- Do you believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God?
- How would John 7-8 help you explain who Jesus is to a non-Christian?