

## Discussion questions – November 30 – John’s gospel – we look at 8:37-47

Welcome everyone and acknowledge any guests...

1. How has God’s Word impacted your life this week?
2. How is everyone doing this week? Any new challenges? How have they seen God at work? (make this a regular feature, nothing encourages like reports of what God is doing in our lives.)
3. Any follow up or carry over from our last lesson?
4. What one point resonated with you from the lesson this morning? What stands out the most to you from this lesson?

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5. What’s your best/favorite memory of Thanksgiving? What are you thankful for?
6. Have you ever done an “ancestry” discovery to see where your family came from? What your family line was? Any surprises?? Are you in a royal line?!!
7. Did you relate to any of the four responses in answering the question – what makes you a Christian? (I’m a good person; I’m a baptized church member; my parents are Christians; I went forward...)
8. The attacks on Jesus by the religious leaders and others is relentless. Have you ever faced a constant hostility for your faith from family, coworkers, students, or neighbors? How have you handled it?
9. It has been said that Satan is happy to have people thinking about him all the time or not believing in him at all. Which is most prevalent today – in the world? in the church?  
How do we find the right balance? (clue – understand what Scripture says about Satan and his work)  
It’s easy to slip into thinking that there is a duality between God and Satan. Two equal forces battling against each other – good vs. evil. That is not true – why? (see above – Scripture is clear that Satan is a created being under God’s sovereign rule)
10. How would you help someone understand that there are only two possibilities, that either God or Satan is the one we give allegiance too?
11. If someone was convinced that sincerity would get them to heaven, how would you try and help them understand that Jesus is the only way?
12. Jesus in the closing verses always brings us back to the truth. How does that help us in our own walk with God and in giving witness to the world? (the Bible is our source of authority in all things)

### What we take away...

There are only two families in the world, and everyone is a member of one or the other. The greatest gift you can ever receive is to be in God’s family!