

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Thirteen—The Gospel of John Chapter 8

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1. In John 8:11, what did Jesus command the woman?

2. a) From John 8:3–11, what is one lesson we learn about how to deal with people “caught in sin” and their accusers?

 b) Be specific in how you will apply this knowledge to someone (yourself, a family member, friend, co-worker, child’s teacher or husband, etc.) that you are tempted to condemn.

3. a) In John 8:12, Jesus said, “I am _____ .”

 b) Rewrite John 8:12 in your own words.

4. Jesus makes contrasts between Himself and the Pharisees and Jewish rulers several times in John 8:14–16, 23–24, 38, 47, 49 and 55. Complete the table using these suggested citations in John 8. (One example is given to get you started)

Verse	Jesus	Pharisees and Jewish rulers
23	I am from above	You are from below

5. a) According to John 8:31–32, how can we know the truth?
- b) Why do you seek to know the truth?
- c) According to Jesus in John 8:32, what will you gain by knowing the truth and what do you **think** this means?
- d) Summarize Jesus' discussion of the steps that bring sin's slave to freedom in John 8:34–36.
6. a) Who sent Jesus? List the verses where this information is given.
- b) In John 8:44, Jesus names the father of the Pharisees and Jewish rulers. Who is he and what are his characteristics?
- c) In John 8:42–59, how does Jesus “prove” who the father of the Pharisees is?
- d) Why do you **think** this discussion about fathers is so important to Jesus, the Pharisees and us?
- e) To whom do you belong? How does your thought life and actions “prove” this?

7. a) Why do you **think** Jesus persisted in speaking to these “trap” setting, “not understand”-ing, murder plotting, “dishonor”-ing group of Jews? Use John 8:30–31 for help.
- b) Do you have a Pharisee in your life (or are you one) who persists in remaining unconvinced in spite of compelling evidence? How does your answer in (a) encourage you?
8. What is so startling about Jesus’ proclamation in John 8:58 that incites the Jews to pick up stones to stone him? (See Exodus 3:14).

Going deeper:

9. a) In John 8:43, Jesus laments, “Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.” What area of your life do you struggle to understand or obey what you hear from Jesus?
- b) Which characteristics or attributes of Jesus did you learn about from this lesson that give you comfort in your struggle?

Extra Credit: (Friendly reminder—do not use commentaries)

Thinking question: What answers to the question in John 8:5 would be a trap for Jesus and why?

Challenge: (for those of you who want even a bit extra!)

Memorize at least one verse (or even a few verses) of Scripture that impacted you in this chapter.