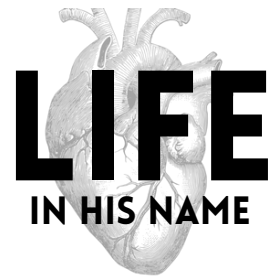


GROWTH GUIDE

Failing to Follow | John 8:31-59

Week of 3/3/2024



SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Failing to follow Jesus means remaining in the darkness.

- 1) Failing to receive God's freedom. John 8:31-38
- 2) Failing to obey God's words. John 8:39-44
- 3) Failing to Honor God's son. John 8:48-59

GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) Jesus is addressing those who believed (v. 31) but as the conversation progresses we see the belief is not genuine. What is the difference from true belief and insincere belief? From the 8:31-59, how can we tell if our faith is genuine? List all the ways we see Jesus addressing?

3) How does the world's definition of freedom differ from the freedom Christ offers? How can truth, and knowing it, set you free? What can the truth of Jesus set you free from?

4) True disciples obey God's word (v. 31, 39, 47). How does 1 John 2:4-6 expand on this truth? What does our disobedience say about us? How does the Gospel bring us hope in our failure to keep the commands of Christ?

5) What does honor of God's son look like on a daily basis? What practical things can we do to honor Jesus as the Lord and Savior that He is? At home? At work? Day by day, week by week?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) James 4:17 says "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." What do you know you need to do that you are failing to do? If you identified something last week, how is that going?

2) Spend time honoring Jesus through prayer and Scripture as you encourage one another with the truths about him.

