

# Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Happy Father's Day!



# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

**Psalm 68:3-5**

*“May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.”*

A landscape photograph featuring a vast field of golden wheat in the foreground. In the background, rolling green hills are visible under a dramatic sky. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a layer of clouds, creating a bright glow and long, soft rays of light that fan out across the sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the yellows and oranges of the sunset and the golden tones of the wheat.

# **Light, Life & Love**

## ***Reflections on John 1-10***

Series: “*Light, Life & Love*” (John 1-10)

Date: 90 A.D.

Purpose: Who is Jesus?

Emphasis: Belief and Life

*“The disciple  
Jesus loved”*

*But these are written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that  
by believing you may have life in his name.*

– John 20:31

# Recap... The Gospel of John 1-10

- John 1... “Light”
- John 2... “Wine”
- John 3... “Believe”
- John 4... “Water”
- John 5... “Pool”
- John 6... “Bread”
- John 7... “Thirsty”

**Last Week:** Jesus is the ultimate satisfaction for our thirsty souls.



# This Week... John 8 – “I Am”

**Key Thought** - Knowing who Jesus is (love, light, Son of God, and God) directly impacts our ability to know God and be known by God.

## Overview:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Who's your daddy?

# John 8:1-11 Jesus is full of love and grace.

4 “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “*Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*” 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.



# John 8:1-11 Jesus is full of love and mercy.

10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, “*Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?*” 11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “*Go now and leave your life of sin.*”

- **KEY THOUGHT:** When we run to Jesus, we run to unconditional love, acceptance, protection, and salvation.

John 8:12

Jesus is the “light of life.”

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,  
*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

# John 8:13

# Opposition of the Pharisees

13 The Pharisees challenged him, “*Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.*”

## Additional Witnesses:

1. John the Baptist
2. Jesus' works
3. The Father



John 8:14-18

Jesus is the Son of God

*“I stand with the Father, who sent me.”* - John 8:16b

- 1) Jesus has the most intimate relationship possible with the Father.
- 2) Jesus came to bring us into the relational intimacy that He shares with the Father.

# QUESTION... Who's Your Daddy?

OPTION 1: God the Father (vs. 19-32)

19 Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

*“You do not know me or my Father,”* Jesus replied. *“If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ... 26 He who sent me is trustworthy. 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

# QUESTION... Who's Your Daddy?

## OPTION 2: Abraham (vs. 33-41)

33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

34 Jesus replied, *“Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*



# QUESTION... Who's Your Daddy?

OPTION 3: The devil (vs. 42-47)

42 Jesus said to them, *“If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil and you want to carry out your father’s desires. ”*

## John 8:51-59

## Jesus is God

*51 Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”... 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”*

57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

*58 “Very truly I tell you,”* Jesus answered, *“before Abraham was born, I am!”*

59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

# Concluding Thoughts

The entire Bible really is a story about a father's great love, a love so great that he sacrificed his one and only son in order to "bring many other sons and daughters into his family and into glory" (Heb. 2:10)

**Key Thought:** Knowing who Jesus is (love, light, Son of God, and God) directly impacts our ability to know God and be known by God.



# The Blessing

**Numbers 6:24-26**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord cause His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you, May the Lord lift up His  
countenance (the smile of His face) upon you and  
give you His peace. And may the Father's love, that  
has been made visible and known in Jesus Christ,  
be lavished on you as beloved children of God.*