



## LIFE Groups Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

### The Gospel of John: Believe

#### **“Jesus, the True and Better”**

*John 8:48-59, for the week of Sunday, February 10, 2019*

**I.** How do you respond to lightning and thunder? What childhood memories do you have of these powerful phenomena? Take a moment to share, then after some discussion, reflect on how the words of Jesus, like lightning and thunder, are meant to grab our attention. How do you receive the words of Christ, especially as we move through the gospel of John? Are you paying close attention? Have you been able to read along in your own devotions? And are Jesus’ words grabbing your attention and gripping your heart? Share and discuss.

**II.** Read vv49-50. Notice how Jesus responds when name-called and personally attacked for his commitment to God. He calmly speaks what is true, commits to honoring God, pursues God’s glory, and entrusts judgment to God. He does not retaliate in sinful anger (of course); his heart is wholly given to God. How can we learn from Jesus in our own temptations to “fire back”, name call, and retaliate when wronged? Especially in the context of our commitment to biblical Christianity, what lessons can we learn from Jesus?

#### ***Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon***

• *1 Pet 2:23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.*

**III.** Read v51. Like lightning and thunder, many people (even Christians) have fear when considering physical death. How is v51 and the words of our Lord great comfort and encouragement for the true believer? What does it mean that believers will “never see death”? Do you know what happens, for the one who “keeps my word”, at the moment of physical death? Encourage one another with these words from our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### ***Additional resources for further study and edification***

- *A.W. Tozer, Three Spiritual Classics in One Volume: The Knowledge of the Holy, The Pursuit of God, and God's Pursuit of Man*
- *Randy Alcorn, Heaven*