

# February 2 Discussion Questions

## “In or Out”

John 8:21-36

### Review

*“Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”* John 8:47

### You know you are a child of God if:

1. You know how **Far** from Him you used to be (v. 12; Eph. 2:1)
  - **Deceived** (v. 45)
  - **Enslaved** (v. 23,34)
  - **Antagonistic** (v. 41,44)
  - **Doomed** (v. 24)
2. You have made a clear **Commitment** to Christ (Jn. 5:24; Rom. 10:9-10)
  - You **Turn** from your sin (v. 24)
  - You **Trust** in Christ (v. 30)
  - You were **Transformed** by Jesus (v. 36)
3. You have a living Relationship with God (1 Jn. 4:16)
  - You **Hear** His voice (v. 47)
  - You **Obey** Him every day (Jn. 10:16)
  - You **Persevere** through hardship (1 Jn. 2:19) and
  - You **Experience** understanding and freedom (v. 31-32)

*“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”* John 8:31-32

### Connect

1. Share a hobby, job, class, or other assignment that you went “all in” on? What did it look like for you to go “all in”? What was the result?
2. If it’s true that God wants us “all in” with our Christianity, why do so many people think it’s okay to “sit on the fence”? How would you define “sitting on the fence” in Christianity?

### Read John 8:21-36

### Discuss

3. Jesus said in v.12 that He is “the light of the world.” What does He mean? Explain the motifs of light and darkness.
4. Who does Jesus say the Pharisees belong to in v.44? How could they be so deceived? (see v.37)
5. Pastor Darin said that “all sin is addictive.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Jesus clearly draws the lines in v.24. How does He do this?
7. What does it mean to make a clear commitment to Jesus Christ? What must you do and what should the evidence of your decision look like?
8. What is repentance? Is repentance a one-time act or a continual act? Why?

### ***Apply***

9. How is sin like a flesh-eating bacteria? Can you share a past example of sin’s effect on you personally?
10. Pastor Darin said the conviction of the Holy Spirit ruins our enjoyment of sin. Looking back on your life, how has God “ruined sin” for you?
11. How do you know you are a child of God? What fruit can you point to in your life? How has God transformed you?
12. Philippians 2:12 says we are to “work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.” In the example of a Coast Guard rescue, we cannot just believe a boat can rescue us; we must make a decision to jump in. Our faith must move us to action. What action are you taking to move your faith forward in Christ? What might be the next step forward?

### ***Pray***

13. Thank God for how He has transformed you! Pray for obedience and a desire to take that next step forward in your walk with Him.