

Read: John 8:48-59

1. As our text begins today, it seems as if the religious leaders have given up reasoning with Jesus and just get personal in their attacks on him. Have you ever witnessed the same? Felt the truth become too close and then things get personal?
2. Jesus says, “Whoever obeys my word will never see death.” Yet we know that everyone dies. What does he mean, then, when he says this?
3. Why do the leaders declare to Jesus, “ We are Abraham’s descendants!” ? What does that mean? Why is that significant?
4. What are examples of this in our world? What religious pedigrees or privileges do people claim within the Christian church today?
5. Jesus declares, “Before Abraham was, I am.” What does he mean? Why is that significant?
6. Our text ends with these leaders grabbing hold of stones, intending to kill Jesus. In what ways do we sometimes let anger get the best of us and blind us to the way of Jesus?
7. How can we live in response to the reality that Jesus is the great “I AM”?