

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION**  
**JOHN 8:30-59 – Genuine Faith**

1. What Biblical teachings do you think unbelievers find most offensive? Is this because of misunderstandings or an unwillingness to accept them?
2. What teachings do you find hardest to accept as a Christian?

**Read vs30-38**

3. What does Jesus mean by “abide”? What problems have you personally encountered in trying to abide in Jesus’ words?
4. What has Jesus said that causes the most offense here?

**Read vs39-47**

5. Why do you think the Jews defend themselves by claiming Abraham and God their Father (vs 39, 41)? How might people think of baptism, confirmation, ordination, past Christian ministry, being a “good person”, in the same way?
6. Why doesn’t Jesus accept their arguments?
7. According to Jesus, what are the marks of a true believer?
8. Are these things obvious in your own life? How would you know?
9. “I made a commitment to Christ several years ago, so I know that I’m saved.” How would you respond, from the passage, to this statement?
10. What should our claims to be God’s people be based on?

**Read verses 48-59**

11. Since Jesus is the eternal God (59), who honours God the Father (50) and who tells the truth about everything (38, 40, 42, 45, 46, 55) – what should be our conclusion about ourselves when we are offended by something he says? Why is this so hard?
12. How is the freedom Jesus offers different to how most people understand freedom (vs 33-36)?

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13. How are you experiencing that freedom in your own life? What barriers do you find to experiencing it?