

**Discussion questions – March 8 - John 10:30-42** – this is a challenging section in John’s gospel. Thinking caps definitely required...

1. **IF WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK AND IF WE ARE TRULY GROWING IN OUR DESIRE TO KNOW GOD - How has God’s Word impacted your life this week?**
2. **How is everyone doing this week? Any new challenges? How have they seen God at work? (make this a regular feature, nothing encourages like reports of what God is doing in our lives.**
3. **Any follow up or carry over from our last lesson?**
4. **What one point resonated with you from the lesson this morning? What stands out the most to you from this lesson?**  
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5. **The opening illustration Carlon talked about how we think it would have been easy to believe if we had lived in the 1<sup>st</sup> C and heard Jesus teach and saw the miracles. Is that true? Why or why not? What have we learned in John’s gospel about this very thing? (unbelief blinds us; we need God’s Spirit to open our eyes) Looking back what was instrumental in leading you to believe that Jesus is God and your Savior?**
6. **Last week’s lesson was so important – the doctrine of eternal security, let’s touch base on especially verses 28-29.**
  - **What has been your background regarding the doctrine of the security of the believer?**
    - **I’ve always believed it. Heard it taught often. It’s a source of great comfort to me.**
    - **Or, I grew up hearing that I could lose my salvation. I have struggled to believe it’s true.**
    - **Or, I was taught that it’s a dangerous doctrine because it allows people to live anyway they want.**
  - **Discuss the differences between the security of the believer and the assurance of salvation. Security is what God promises the believer, he will keep them secure. Assurance is my believing what God has promised. Why are these two truths so important in our walk with God? How has the doctrine of assurance (or lack thereof) impacted your walk with God?**
7. **Thinking of this most important metaphor of Jesus as our Shepherd, what has been the impact of that truth on your life? What stands out the most to you? what are some practical examples that come to mind?**
8. **Jesus talked a lot about God as his Father. He said, he and the Father are one. What made it so hard to believe what Jesus was saying? (The truth of the Incarnation – God as a man?!) There was no category to put that in. What do you think is the main point of stumbling for people today? (for us it might be the truth of the resurrection – again, there’s no category for someone rising from the dead)**
9. **Jesus clearly believed in the authority of Scripture and the inerrancy of Scripture. How important do you think it is that we believe in the inspiration and authority of Scripture, and in the inerrancy of God’s Word? Why did you answer as you did? What different does it make?**

**What we take away...** What good is an inspired, inerrant Bible if we don’t read it and then heed it? God give us a love for your Word and the willingness to do all it says, always!