

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 7:32-52)

- 1. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you were unable to see the truth because you were convinced differently?**  
\*This could be pertaining to a spiritual matter, but doesn't have to - as I shared in the sermon - my ignorance to an NFL rule change.  
**What was the situation and how did you come to realize that you were in the wrong?**  
**How did you respond when you were confronted with your error(s)?**  
**What did you learn through the experience?**
- 2. Once again, as Jesus teaches, and as some are drawn to Jesus, we see immediate opposition rising up again:**  
**The Pharisees respond right away by sending officials to arrest Jesus because some in the crowd have believed in him.**  
**The Pharisees - the teachers of the Law - failed to see that they were standing in opposition to their Messiah!**  
**What can we learn from the Pharisees here? (Think - negative exemplar).**  
**Where did they go wrong and how can we safeguard our own hearts from the same kind of self-deception?**  
**What was the root of their problem with Jesus, and what was the remedy available to them?**
- 3. In this passage, we see how the Pharisees lack of understanding of God's Word (& Jesus Himself) led them to oppose God Himself.**  
**How much of a priority is studying God's Word in your life?**  
**Do you regularly find yourself studying and meditating upon His Word, or are other things taking up your time?**  
**How does a passage like this reveal why it's important to know God's Word if we want to honor Him?**  
**Are you willing to commit to spending time with the Lord in a desire to know Him & His Word?**  
**If so, how will you follow through on that commitment practically? (Also, who will help you to stay accountable)**
- 4. As culture is constantly shifting around us, the misunderstandings & misrepresentations of Jesus seem to be increasingly prevalent.**  
**What are some of the cultural lies about Jesus that could lead others astray?**  
**How do you combat the lies that Satan wants you to embrace?**  
**How can we see some of his schemes at work throughout these things?**  
**Do you currently hold beliefs that are grounded in the authority of our culture rather than the authority of God's Word?**  
**What can we do together to better stand firm in the truth while demonstrating the incomparable love of Jesus?**
- 5. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.**  
**Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?**
  - 1. Study the Word to discern the truth from the lies!**
  - 2. Don't let your preconceptions blind you!**
  - 3. Commit to always learning & growing in Christ!**  
*i.e. don't rely on past knowledge.*