

## BT Accept the Truth

- What are some song lyrics that you had confused in your head for years?
- Later on we are surprised to find out the actual lyrics
- **Discuss:** What are some important things you want to know the truth about?
- Let's see how that applies to God's Word

## John 8

**31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

- **Discuss:** How does the truth set you free?

**33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"**

- The Jews answer this way... they think we are right with God
- **Discuss:** How could we be deceived in thinking we are right with God?

**34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."**

- What if I told you have been living a lie and that the Koran was correct?
  - That is the effect on the Jews here
  - It is so hard for them to wrap their minds around the need to change
  - There are so many good things about what they have been living
  - Yet they are missing the most important thing of their lives
  - Jesus is saying that he is God's direct son and they are ready to kill him
- **Discuss:** Maybe some of you could share some truths that were hard for you to accept at first

**39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."**

- The Jews are struggling to change their minds and are fighting Jesus
- **Discussion:** Why is it so hard to change?
- Remember how we sang the wrong lyrics for years
  - Wow the aha of it
  - The problem is we are a lot more open to changing lyrics than we are to changing our thinking to be in line with God really thinks.

**Challenge: To be willing to accept the truth no matter what.**

**Close with a Prayer**