

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. In v. 16, Jesus declared His teaching was not His own but divine, in the next verses He provided a test which proved whether His teaching was His own or divine. History is littered with many tragic accounts of false teachers who led people astray. Even today false teachers claim to hold absolute truth and no one can argue with them because they've been given "divine" revelation. How might vv. 17-19 help us discern if what we are being taught is in fact a right understanding of God's word/truth?
2. The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus for breaking the Sabbath (Jn. 7:1, 19, 25; cf. Jn. 5:2-16). Jesus said they also "work" on the Sabbath (7:23). What was Jesus' point? Was He trying to prove something about Himself, them, or...?
3. In v. 34 Jesus said they would seek Him but not find Him. In v. 37, Jesus invited people to come to Him. How would you reconcile what appear to be contradictory statements?
4. The men sent to arrest Jesus return to their masters empty-handed but thoroughly amazed by Jesus' teaching (v. 46). The Jewish leaders rebuked the officers and dismissed the crowds as ignorant and accursed (vv. 47-49). Nicodemus courageously attempted to defend Jesus only to be silenced (vv. 50-52). What do you believe about Jesus, Who is He, and what is your relationship with Him?