Outline for 7/24:

- 5 demands flowing from Jesus being the light of the world...
- I. We have to **judge** Jesus for ourselves. (12-20)
- II. We have to **believe** in Jesus as truth. (21-30)
- III. We have to embrace the **freedom** Jesus gives. (31-38)
- IV. We have to **hear** Jesus's words. (39-47)
- V. We have to **keep** Jesus's words. (48-59)

Read John 8:12-59.

Some Questions:

- 1) In what ways do we seek to invalidate Jesus's claims (like the Pharisees did in v.13 right after Jesus clearly said who He is in v.12)?
- 2) How does Jesus's testimony about Himself not invalidate the principle that everything must be established on the basis of two witnesses?
- 3) What does it mean to "die in your sins" (v.24)? How does this compare with what Jesus says in v.51?
- 4) Connect abiding, truth, and being "free" like Jesus does in vv.31-32. How are these unique? How do they fit together?
- 5) Why is having God as our Father a better identity than Abraham or the father of lies? Press this. Why do we go after other "fathers" so easily?
- 6) "Before Abraham was, I Am." Why does this phrase cause such anger in Jesus's opponents? What might this teach us about our hearts?

Praver:

Update the things for which your small group is praying. Invite your group to share some ways in which Jesus is the light of their lives. Close in prayer praising Jesus who He is and how He's worthy of being followed.