

light and knowing...

John 8.12-59

Sharing your lives...

Sometimes the truth is hard to hear, new truths can be hard to receive. Share examples and stories of being confronted by someone trying to teach you something new. Think about what made it hard to receive the teaching? What part did, who the messenger was, play in hearing the message? Did the light eventually go on? What difference does the new knowledge make?

Looking into the Bible...

Read John 8.12-32

Discuss why it would be difficult to hear what Jesus says. What, according to Jesus, enables people to know the truth?

What difference does it make to believe the truth that Jesus taught?

Read John 8.33-59

Discuss what Jesus said about the Jews who were listening to him. What were they doing? What, in contrast, do real children of Abraham do?

What did the Jews have to understand about Jesus in order to receive his message?

the Bible looking into us...

Jesus brings **the** truth, but what other lesser 'truths' might you be tempted to drift back into trusting? How might you be like the Jews of Jesus' day?

Spend time encouraging each other with examples of how the truth of Jesus sets you free now and forever. What does it mean to you for you to be a 'child of God the Father'?