



## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

# Winning the souls of self-deceived learners

Session Number: 29 | Week: 5 | Day: 3

### Bible Passage

John 8: 48-59

### Introduction

In this concluding session, John 7: 48-59, we focus on Jesus’s self-claim of being equal to God to the self-deceived Jewish people. Jesus pointed out that he was from above, while these Jewish seekers were from the world and below. Changing the learners’ perspective is the most essential thing for transformation to take place. People who wear green lenses see the world as green, concluding that we don’t see the world as it is but as we are.

### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the difference between seeing things from above (Jesus) and seeing things from below (Kingdom seekers)?
- Understood why the Jewish seekers called Jesus demon-possessed even after claiming to be God

### Session Outline

- Jesus claimed to be equal to God
- Above perspectives and below perspectives
- Self-deceived learners, unbelieving believers

### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

### Comprehending

- Who are the unbelieving believers? John 7: 30- 31, 33, 39, 41. Who are the humble sinner? Who are the self-deceived believers?
- What did Jesus claim about himself to these unbelieving believers? John 7: 48-59. What did Jesus say about seeing from above and seeing from below? Read John 7: 23
- What is demon possession? List three reasons why the Jewish followers claimed that Jesus was demon-possessed. John 7: 48, 52

### Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

### Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.