



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Winning the souls of the hostile Critics

Session Number: 37 | Week: 6 | Day: 4

Bible Passage

John 10: 31-42

Introduction

In this session, John 10: 31-42. The critics of Jesus had picked up stones to stone him because he claimed to be equal to God. However, Jesus attempted to win the souls of violent critics by appealing to their well-known law (Sharia) and to the good deeds he had done for them. Additionally Jesus departed from the presence of the critics to give them an opportunity to reflect on the lessons learned whether to follow you or not.

Session Objectives

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

- Understood Jesus’s statement that you are gods
- Known how to win the souls of hostile critics
- Appreciated Jesus’ threefold basis of winning hostile critic

Session Outline

- Winning hostile critics
- Winning seeking followers
- What is Blasphemy

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

- What is Blasphemy? How would you win the soul of a violent critic?
- Read John 10:31-39. Why did the Jews try to pick stones to stone Jesus? List two strategies Jesus used to win their souls. Discuss
- Read psalms 82:1-7. What does this psalm say about human beings and gods?
- Read John 10: 40-42. How did Jesus win the souls of those who followed him across Jordan?

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.