

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for June 12, 2022
The Shape of God

For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with
CGS Community or family



● CONNECT with each other

1. What is one thing you have trouble remembering? Have you found a way to remind yourself?

● GROW in Christ

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" 49 "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. 50 I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death."

52 At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

57 "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

John 8:48-59

1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
2. At times, even God's own people are ignorant of who Jesus is. What has helped you become more clear in your pursuit of knowing Jesus?
3. Jesus calls the people liars. Why do you think we tend to gravitate away from Jesus' strong words? Does something get lost when we do?
4. Jesus obeys the Father's word perfectly. What other characters in the Bible follow God's word to them? Can you think of one who doesn't?
5. The crowd is ready to stone Jesus for his "I am" statement. Is it natural to resist a more complete understanding of Jesus as God's son? How can you stop resisting today?

● SERVE others

- The week of June 13 we are hosting families from Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families transition back into housing. Sign up to help on the EVENTS page of our

website today!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**