Intro: In our previous teachings we read of ___________ ________________ of people.

A. The first group is found in John 8:30 which says, “As He [Jesus] spoke these things, many came to _______________ __________ _______."

B. In the very next verse (v. 31), we find a different group of people. The verse says, “Jesus therefore was saying to ________________ who had _______________ __________ ______."

C. In making this distinction we noted that the “many” of verse 30 “came to believe ________ Him”, while “those Jews” of verse 31 “had” merely “believed Him”. The preposition makes all the difference. In fact, it is the ____________ between _______________ faith and a _______________ ______ faith that does not save.

1. To _______________ in Jesus is to _______________ submit to His teachings. True belief in Jesus demands that the believer be a _______________ _______________ ______

D. We must be sure that we truly _______________ ______ Jesus, for it is possible for one to think they are right before God when they are not. The Scripture says, “___________ yourselves to see if you are in the faith; _______________ yourselves!” (2 Cor 13:5).

E. In our teaching this morning, we will continue to learn how we can assuredly _______________ that ___ __ ________ Christians.

I. “Those Jews” _______________ _______________ _______________ that by virtue of being Abraham’s offspring that they were free from sin and right before God.

A. Our Lord ________________, in all grace, patiently and lovingly began to __________ to them by _______________ them that they were not saved by their relationship to Abraham, but were in fact _______________ and truly needed to be set free from their sin through a relationship with Christ whereby they believed in Him.

1. Jesus _______________ the _______________ that lay deep within their heart by saying, “yet you seek to kill Me.”

2. The reason they sought to kill Jesus was because His _______________ had _______________ in them.

   a. A.W. Pink writes of this saying, “They _______________ it _______________. They were merely wayside hearers. It is this which distinguishes, essentially, a saved man from a _______________ one.”

3. Just as Jesus’ words proved that He truly was born of the Heavenly Father, so too did their _______________ truly _______________ who their father was.

   a. Despite the fact that they were born of the bloodline of Abraham, they were _______________ descendants _______________. Spiritually speaking, they were ____________ of Abraham.

4. Jesus _______________ them to be more than the physical seed of Abraham, but to ______ true spiritual children of Abraham who follow Him __________ _______________.

5. Again, Jesus plainly revealed the ________ that lay _______________ them, and irrefutably showed them how they were not of the same spiritual seed as was Abraham.
II. “Those Jews” went on to ________________ to have ________________ as their Father and insinuated that Jesus did not know who His Father was.

A. In ________________ kindness ________________ did not retaliate to their insult, but began to ________________ with them to show them that God was not their Father.

1. To get them thinking Jesus asked them this rhetorical question, "_____________ do you __________ understand what I am saying?" And knowing they would not have a proper answer, He answered the question for them, "It is because ________________ hear My word."

   a. Jesus was teaching them that something prevented them from hearing for He said, “You cannot hear!” Indeed, contrary to what they said, they ________________ ________________ ________________ ________________ for sin had them bound!

B. Jesus rightly identified that ________________ were children ________________ the ________________, and the proof of that was that they desired to do what the devil does.

1. If a man is to be saved, he must be shown that he is lost and that is what ________________ was doing for those who sought to kill Him, ________________ ________________ to their need. What manner of ________________ is this!? See how the Lord loves!

C. Using heavenly ________________, Jesus challenged them to think through their unbelief. If they could not convict Him of sin, then they would have to admit that what He said was true. And, if what He said was true, why would they not believe Him? The Lord presented good and logical ________________ that they might examine the facts and come to ________________ in Him, that ________________ the very Son of God - the ________________!

D. Jesus plainly and logically expressed that the reason those Jews did ________________ ________________ His Word was because they were ________________ ________________.

In Closing: We need to ask ourselves this question: ________ __ of God? Am I ________ ________? And to properly answer this question, let us consider these truths:

1) To be saved, one must ________________ Jesus. And, all who are saved will ________________ ________________ His Word and become His disciple.

2) We can be assured that we are ________________ (children of God) if His Word has place in us and is bearing His ________________ ________________ in and through us.

3) We can know that we ________________ to be ________________ if His Word has no place in us, for one only believes in Jesus receiving His Word as they are born of God.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever ________ ________ ________ should not perish, but have eternal life. It is as Paul and Silas said, Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you ________ ________ ________ ."