

GOD'S TEACHING

The background of the image is a serene landscape of layered mountains. The mountains are rendered in various shades of blue and teal, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a person stands on a ridge, looking out over the vast landscape. The sky above is a deep blue, filled with numerous white streaks representing star trails, suggesting a long exposure photograph taken at night. The overall mood is contemplative and majestic.

JOHN 7:14-18

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I. TAUGHT BY THE WORD v14

II. CANNOT ATTAIN IT v15

III. ORIGINATES and BELONGS TO GOD v16

IV. IS DISCERNABLE v17

V. IS TESTABLE v18

BACKGROUND

The background features a series of layered mountain ranges in shades of blue and teal, creating a sense of depth. The sky is dark blue with numerous white star trails, suggesting a long-exposure photograph. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a person stands on a mountain ridge, looking towards the horizon.

JOHN 7:1-13

I. TAUGHT BY THE WORD v14

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast **Jesus** went up into the temple and began **teaching**.

II. CANNOT ATTAIN IT v15

¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying,
“How is it that this man has learning,
when **he has never studied?**”

III. ORIGINATES and BELONGS TO GOD v16

¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is **not mine**, but **his who sent me**.”

IV. IS DISCERNABLE v17

17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

V. IS TESTABLE v18

¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority **seeks his own glory**; but the one who **seeks the glory of him who sent him** is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

TAKE AWAY

- 1) Do His Will - believe & follow Jesus
- 2) Ask, “whose glory is this for?”
- 3) God Himself will teach you His truth
- 4) Scripture is your confirmation

Questions

1. Why is the WORD of GOD important to know God's Teaching?
2. Why are our words so important?
3. Do you remember long phone calls, or written letters, with your significant other? How did that discussion help you get to know more about them?
4. Have you ever known anyone who stopped following Jesus? How did that affect you?
5. Do you know someone who does not have Jesus but still knows things of the Bible? How does the lack of the Holy Spirit affect their understanding and life?
 - a. Is education alone sufficient to know God's Teaching?

Questions (continued)

6. Why is the anointing of the Holy Spirit required to fully & intimately know God's teaching?
 - a. How is education or training good for equipping, or sharpening those, who have Jesus?
7. Where does God's Teaching originate from?
8. Tell us a time when you hear the world (nonbelievers, the news, political parties, etc.) commenting on God's Teaching, but get it all wrong.
 - a. How close & accurate, are they sometimes but miss just one little piece? Can you tell?
9. Tell us of a time when you had to do a task for your boss or manager and did not get it right the first time? But after being willing to do their will (do it their way and understand what they are looking for), you delivered properly?

Questions (continued)

10. What is God's will? What does it mean to be willing to do God's will? Why is that important for us to know whether the teaching is from God or not?
11. How can we test those who speak or teach, if they are of God or have God's Teaching?
12. Can you recall a known "wolf in sheep's clothing" that has led many astray?
13. Tell us about a situation where some may have itchy ears and follow a pastor or church, that only speak about what they want to hear and not necessarily holds the entire truth.
 - a. How does that make you feel?
 - b. How can we help ourselves to not develop "itchy ears" & remain in the truth?

Questions (continued)

14. Have you ever known anyone who stopped following Jesus?
How did their action affect you?
15. What could you begin to include in your "spiritual diet" daily to stop the tendency towards being a drifting disciple and to become a dedicated disciple?