



4. Why would Jesus say that the world is unable to hate His brothers? What about His brothers made them acceptable to the world?

5. Why might Jesus have gone up to the feast in secret only to reveal Himself openly in the temple courts? (Remember that there were many seeking to kill Him.)

6. How can Jesus say that His teaching is not His own (*vs. 17*)? In what way was the source of His teaching from God? Was it from direct conversations with the Father? Was it from the law and the Scriptures? Was it something else or some combination of factors?

7. How often do pastors and teachers speak “from themselves” rather than from God? How can we know if they are speaking from God or from themselves? (Look closely at *vs. 17-18*.)

8. Why would Jesus, after talking of those who speak out of their own authority and experience, follow it up with a statement that no one from among them was doing the law?

9. Verse 27 instructs us to not judge according to appearances. How does this relate to teaching (or giving advice) from our own authority and experiences?

### **Living It Out:**

1. If Jesus, the very Son of God, did not find the source of His teaching in Himself, but instead sought the will of the One who sent Him, how much ought we to seek out the will of God before teaching, preaching, or giving advice?

2. If we are seeking to know the will of God before teaching, preaching, or giving advice, where will we find it?

3. Are we willing to give only the wisdom that comes from the word of God even if it causes the world to hate us?