

## Denying Reality

John 8:39-48

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### SEED Group Questions

1. What is an interesting fact about yourself that might surprise people?
2. How far in advance do you prefer to plan? Why
3. Do you prefer a good debate or keeping the peace?
4. The title of the message is Denying Reality. Explain that in your terms. Give an example in your life where you denied the reality of the truth or something that was obvious to everyone.
5. In the message the following quotes were given:  
“It’s hard to accept the truth when lies are exactly what you wanted to hear.” “Hurt me with the truth but never comfort me with a lie.” Which attitude do you tend to lean toward regarding truth?
6. Proverbs 27:6 says that, *Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.* How can we lovingly give and receive truth?
7. The Pharisees were in a bubble and their religious training and tradition was at conflict with what they experienced and saw in Jesus. How is this experienced today when it comes to evangelizing our culture?
8. The ‘Big Idea’ of the message is that denying the truth has consequences. Explain that in both broad and specific terms.
9. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

How does this verse explain why people live in denial of the truth of God right in front of them?

10. The last point of the message is that denying reality means there will be: *Insults and Accusations.* Why did the Pharisees resort to this? Why do people losing an argument take this approach? Share how you have either done this or have been on the receiving end of this response.