

DIGGING DEEPER

Week 9: Obey Your Thirst

Throughout this series we are looking at the Gospel of John! We are reading through this book to focus on the life and ministry of Jesus to better see how he is working in our personal lives and church. Our hope is that studying this Gospel will allow you to follow Jesus in a deeper and more meaningful way.

This weekend Tim took us through the polarizing events of John 7. Ultimately Tim challenged us to decide what we thirst for or crave in life—to search ourselves for what will bring ultimate fulfillment and contentment. Tim asserted that Jesus was then and is now calling ANYONE to a relationship and life with him. It's not if anyone cleans up their life or stops sinning, or looks or lives a certain way...it's just anyone!

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 7 (NIV)

DISCUSS

Opening Question: When you were in your adolescence what was the ONE thing you were sure you needed in order to be happy? Did you get it?

Have your group open their Bible or Bible apps and pray for the Spirit to work in your hearts and minds as you read through the Key Scripture.

- 1. Why do you think the crowd had polarizing views of Jesus? What about following Jesus causes this to happen?
- 2. What is your reaction to verse 17? What does this mean for us today?
- 3. Have your group read aloud verses 37 and 38 a couple of times. What stands out to you from this passage?
- 4. The response of the crowd can be summed up as, he is either a prophet, he is the Christ, or he is a fraud (40-44). Who do you think Jesus is? How can we know?

WRAP IIP

To close your session, challenge your group to close their eyes and listen to scripture. Read through the following passages: Psalm 1; 42:1-2; 63:1. Then close your time in prayer.