



## OPENING QUESTIONS:

Have you had a particular low point in life? Was it ever followed by a time of celebration? Is it strange to think that Jesus experienced low points too?

Jesus had followers of His walk away and turn their backs on Him, but He also had His own family turn away... JOHN 7:5 "For not even His brothers believed in Him."

**RECAP** Jesus had just made His first "I AM" statement when He said...  
"I AM the Bread of Life."

Now Jesus makes His way to the FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES and steps into the spotlight to proclaim more truth to those who are there.

**READ... JOHN 7:10-18** There is much confusion and debate surrounding Jesus. There were a lot of varying opinions about Him. **ASK** How does this seem similar to our culture today?

**READ... JOHN 7:25-36** Put yourselves into this crowd. Some people were ready to follow Jesus and others were ready to kill Him. **ASK** Why aren't things happening to Him when the authorities are wanting them too? Why isn't He arrested when they sent people to do so?

**ASK** The group to think about all that God is in control of? (Some things or Everything!)  
- Answer this question... Ultimately, who is control of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, and death?

**ANSWER** The same person who is in CONTROL of His Resurrection!!!

Is your security is in Him too. **Nothing can happen to you and I without His approval.**

**READ... JOHN 7:37-39** Jesus now PUBLICLY invites people to partake of the same **living water** that He PRIVATELY offered to the woman at theWELL! This water is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that lives in us as believers!

**ASK** The group to think about how their lives are different with the Holy Spirit in control of it!

Every member of the community of Faith is endowed with the Holy Spirit, empowered from on high to participate in the ministry of Christ's Kingdom. (**Let that SINK In!**)

You and I are blessed to be the living, breathing, temples of the Holy Spirit. And out of us should be wells of living water flowing for others to see and drink from!

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**TAKE TIME TO PRAY:** Thank God for always providing for us. Thank Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Pray for strength and wisdom that only He can bring. Thank God for His seal and guarantee for our salvation.

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

**EXTRA READING:** Read the rest of JOHN 7 this week!

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.