

Message title: Come & Drink

Big Idea: Jesus satisfies the thirst of His people.

7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

1. Jesus is righteous.

Jesus does what is right, works what is right & desires what is right for us.

19 Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" **20** The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" **21** Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. **22** Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **23** If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? **24** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Self-righteousness is a direct & dangerous insult to the righteousness that comes from God & it opens us up to sin.

25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? **26** But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? **27** However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." **28** Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. **29** But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." **30** Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. **31** And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?" **32** The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

2. Jesus lived openly.

Don't tempt God w/ foolishness, but don't let fear limit you from openly doing what God has called you to do.

33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent Me. **34** You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come." **35** Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? **36** What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

3. Jesus is available temporarily.

37 On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in

Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**40** Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” **41** Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? **42** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” **43** So there was a division among the people because of Him. **44** Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.**45** Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?”**46** The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”**47** Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? **48** Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? **49** But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”**50** Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, **51** “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” **52** They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” **53** And everyone went to his own house.

They didn't have all the facts, but they had enough to make a decision.

Jesus is offering more than facts or doctrine or truth.
He is offering to meet their deepest spiritual need, a life w/God.

Everyday a priest would carry a golden pitcher from the Pool of Siloam and the crowd would sing Isaiah 12:3: ‘With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation’ and the priest would get to a certain point and pour out the water.

God provided water 3 times in the wilderness & all 3 are pictures of Christ.

4. Jesus satisfies conditionally.

LIFE Group Guide:

Overview: In John 7, we saw Jesus among the crowds at the Feast of Tabernacles, offering something greater than religious answers or theological debate. He offered Himself as living water to satisfy our deepest spiritual thirst.

1. What might God be speaking to you about or stood out in this message?
2. What does it mean to be spiritually thirsty? How do people try to satisfy this thirst?
3. We talk a lot about having a real and right relationship with God. How can we make sure we are “right with God” and not just trusting our own self-righteousness? See Psalm 19:8
4. What kinds of things keep us from living openly and revealing who God is, like Jesus did? What would living more openly really look like for you?
5. Who do you know that is confused about who Jesus is? How can you help them or others know Him better?
6. Which picture of God's provision in the wilderness resonated with you the most? They were: bitter water made sweet, water from hitting the Rock or needing only to speak to the Rock?