



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“JOHN 7:25-52”

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed affect your week?

### DISCOVER

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

JOHN 7:25-52 The gospel writer John writes with this in mind: He wants you to know WHO JESUS IS! He gives us the FACTS, asks us to BELIEVE the facts, SURRENDER TO HIM and FIND LIFE! John has also presented Jesus as the Light, the Bread of Life, and the Living Water – in Jesus’ own words! JESUS IS ALL YOU NEED for LIFE! John wants to say, “Don’t forget these things about Jesus!” Is knowing John’s facts enough for you?

By this time in His adult ministry in Israel, many had heard and seen what Jesus was doing – was this the Messiah? He was teaching in the Temple, and He even cared for Gentiles! Who was this Man? There was much division among the people, and the Pharisees were ready to arrest Him. Jesus’ presence at the Festival of Booths brought things to a head!

- Jason showed us maps of Israel today, revealing how SMALL Israel is compared to other nations, and how Israel is completely surrounded by enemies. Why would God have placed His chosen people here? God wants the world to know who He is – how do you think that will come to be? How could the battles Israel is fighting today be a part of God’s plan?
- Why was the Festival of Booths significant for the Jews? What were they celebrating, and what did the celebration remind them of? What were significant points of the celebration?
- Jesus had shown compassion for many in His path, healing even Gentiles, whom the Jews considered to be outsiders. How willing are you to go to serve different people groups who don’t look like you or live as you live, as Jesus did?

At the end of the Festival of Booths, Jesus’ time to reveal Himself had come.

- Why was the celebration of the Festival of Booths the right time for Jesus to stand up and cry out that HE could satisfy their thirst with rivers of LIVING water? Why did Jesus choose the 7th day of the Festival to do this?
- Why did the chief priests and Pharisees feel so threatened by all this talk of Jesus? Even the temple guards were impressed with Jesus! How could these religious leaders not know from the Scriptures that Jesus fulfilled all those prophecies? How are today’s churches and leaders sometimes blind in the same way?



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE CONT.

Read Verse 37-38 of today's passage.

- Are you thirsty? What water flows from you? Can people around you KNOW that Living Water is flowing from you? Do you recognize this as the Holy Spirit?
- Do you remember the moment in your life when you REALIZED that you NEEDED Jesus? What was that like for you? What did it show you about the priorities and choices you were making?
- Today Jason used the example of seeing ruins of castles in Ireland – castles which once had life – to show our condition before we surrendered to Christ. He gave us the phrase 'Crucifixion pain precedes Pentecostal power.' How would you explain that?
- What stage of life is your 'castle' in? Is it in ruins or seeking to thrive, struggling, or flowing with streams of Living Water? Jesus is with you in all those stages!
- What happens when we're not pouring out that Living Water? How can that happen? Are there areas of your life where you're damming up the water? How can you change that?

Trust, repent, and follow the facts to find Jesus, then POUR OUT YOUR LIVING WATER! Pentecostal Power Transforms the World!

### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.