



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on October 29th, 2023 - Week 7

John 7:37-52 (NASB)

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He said in reference to the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Some of the people therefore, after they heard these words, were saying, "This truly is the Prophet." 41 Others were saying, "This is the Christ." But others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not coming from Galilee, is He? 42 Has the Scripture not said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So a dissension occurred in the crowd because of Him. 44 And some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" 46 The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken in this way!" 47 The Pharisees then replied to them, "You have not been led astray too, have you? 48 Not one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? 49 But this crowd that does not know the Law is accursed!" 50 Nicodemus (the one who came to Him before, being one of them) *said to them, 51 "Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?" 52 They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee as well, are you? Examine the Scriptures, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

DIGGING DEEPER

Has there been a time in your life when you were part of a public disagreement? Tell us about it.

Read John 7:37-39

Why did Jesus speak about things that hadn't come yet?

Read John 7:40-44

What's the difference between believing Jesus is the Prophet and that Jesus is the Christ?

How does Jesus' background affect this disagreement? What factors might have contributed to their confusion and uncertainty?

Jesus was a public person, but yet, the people didn't know all of his life details (ie. he was born in Bethlehem). Why are people so quick to jump to conclusions?

Read John 7:45-52

Have you ever been blown away by someone's charisma as they spoke? Tell us about it.

What is the officer's view of Jesus? Do they believe? How did their response differ from that of the Pharisees and chief priests?

DIGGING DEEPER

What's the Pharisee's view of the crowd in verse 49? What does this show is happening in their heart?

What does Nicodemus' question reveal about his belief in Jesus?

Re-read John 7:38

What does having this "living water" flowing through your life mean for you?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

