

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 7:40-44

Devo Thought: There is a scene in the movie *Saving Private Ryan* where the character Captain Miller, played by Tom Hanks, reveals where he is from and what his former profession was before leaving to fight in World War II. Throughout the movie, his men had an on-going bet about where he was from and what he did, but no one had been able to find out. It was the subject of conversation at various times throughout the movie. The scene where he reveals this information takes place right after one of his men tragically is killed due to a decision Captain Miller makes. He tells his men this information so that they would remember that he's a man just like each of them. It is a powerful scene. I bring it up because Captain Miller was misunderstood at times because people didn't have all the information about him and failed to ask the right questions about him. We see something similar in our passage today. After Jesus makes the proclamation about rivers of living water coming from those who believe in him, people begin making all kinds of guesses as to who exactly he is. "He's a prophet...He's the Christ." They know he's different; they know he's special, but they can't figure him out. What's interesting is that no one asks him any questions. They just assume. If they had asked him where he was born, he could have told them that he was born in Bethlehem, not Galilee like they assumed. The thing I want you to ponder today is, are you asking Jesus the right questions? Are you asking him any questions at all? Or are you simply assuming you know it all already? Jesus invites questions, and he has answers. Will we ask him?

Let us ask God to help us trust him enough to ask questions.