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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 2)

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JESUS WANTED HIS DISCIPLES TO BE AWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES. THEY ALL REPRESENTED DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS. JESUS WASN'T WARNING HIS DISCIPLES OF SKEPTICISM, BUT RATHER OF TEACHINGS THAT LEAD OTHERS NOT TO BELIEVE SPECIFICALLY IN JESUS, HIS GOSPEL, HIS POSITION, AND HIS WORK. THERE ARE MANY "SPIRITUAL" PEOPLE TODAY WHO BELIEVE IN ALL SORTS OF THINGS; THEY JUST DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS. BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY PARTAKE IN THE LEAVEN JESUS WARNED ABOUT: THE LEAVEN OF UNBELIEF.

As we learned last week, the church in Colosse was facing a threat of this leaven. Though they had not yet given in, Paul called them to be on guard and to remember the fullness of the truth into which they were called.

Passages we'll review:

MATTHEW 16:5-12; JOHN 6:41-59;

Colossians 2:1-15; Romans 8:1-4;

EPHESIANS 2:10

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OPENING WHAT JUMPED OUT AT YOU FROM THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK? WHAT LED YOU TO REALLY THINK OR EVEN BETTER, TO CHANGE YOUR ACTIONS?	NOTES
THINK ABOUT YOUR VALUES. HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND WHAT PRINCIPLES YOU WILL LIVE BY?	
WATCH Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.	
What Jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of the key points that affected you more than others?	

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READ READ MATTHEW 16:5-12	NOTES
As we look back to Sunday's passage, we see that once again, Jesus' message was interpreted in the literal sense instead of in the spiritual sense.	
WHAT "YEAST" WAS JESUS WARNING HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT?	
(THE TEACHINGS OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES.)	
READ JOHN 6:41-46	
WHY WERE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS GRUMBLING?	
(They refused to accept that Jesus was the Son of God.)	

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Just as the disciples had missed the point with the bread in Matthew 16, the religious leaders also missed out on who Jesus really was. They struggled with the idea that He was more than just a carpenter from Nazareth, but was actually the Son of God.	NOTES
What truth did Jesus Reveal to them in verse 44?	
(No one comes to Jesus unless the Father first draws Him. Unless God begins to work in us, we will never understand our need for a Savior!)	
READ JOHN 6:47-51	
Last week, we learned that Jesus is the true Bread of Life. In this context, to eat of Him means to believe in Him.	

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WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE TO THOSE WHO EAT OF THE LIVING BREAD?	
(ETERNAL LIFE. THE MANNA GIVEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT COULD ONLY SUSTAIN LIFE. JESUS CAME IN ORDER TO GIVE LIFE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE!)	
READ JOHN 6:52-59	
Once again, the religious leaders looked to the literal meaning of what Jesus was saying. If we look back to John 1:14, we see the "flesh" Jesus was referring to. What was the flesh?	
(Jesus Christ, God in human Form)	
READ COLOSSIANS 2:1-15	

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WHY DID PAUL WRITE TO THE CHURCH IN COLOSSE?	NOTES
(TO ENCOURAGE THEM AND TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST SO THEY WOULD NOT BE DECEIVED OR LED ASTRAY.)	
Paul knew that Satan is our enemy. He seeks to deceive us and to lead us down the wrong path. He often seeks to deceive by diluting the truth with lies and other "spiritual" beliefs that are not in line with the Bible, or by convincing us that Christ alone is not enough. This is similar to the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees in John 6.	
How can we keep from being deceived (verses 6-7)?	
(WE CAN WALK IN CHRIST, BE ROOTED IN HIM, BUILT UP IN HIM, AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH.)	

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WHAT IS OUR WEAPON AGAINST THE PHILOSOPHY AND THE EMPTINESS THAT COMES FROM HUMAN TRADITIONS?	NOTES
(JESUS CHRIST! HE IS ALL WE NEED FOR OUR SALVATION AND TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE!)	
As we encounter false teachings, it is important that our roots in Christ are deep. Otherwise, we will be like tumbleweed, blown about by the winds of deception. Deep roots provide adequate, (Living) water and proper, eternal nourishment (Bread of Life).	
FINALLY, PAUL REMINDS THE COLOSSIANS, AND US, OF THE HOPE THAT IS FOUND IN CHRIST AS A RESULT OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION.	
What can we gain when we put our hope in Christ Jesus?	
(WE ARE MADE ALIVE WITH HIM; OUR DEBT IS CANCELED, NAILED TO THE CROSS.)	

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READ ROMANS 8:1-4	NOTES
WHAT DO WE GAIN BY BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST JESUS?	
(WE ARE GIVEN FREEDOM FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. THE LAW CONDEMNS, BUT OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST FREES US TO LIVE FULLY IN HIM.)	
WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE OF THE PERFECT SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST. HE DELIVERED US FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN BY DOING WHAT WE COULD NOT - DEFEATING SIN AND DEATH. SINCE HE PAID THE PENALTY, WE ARE NOW FREE TO LIVE IN HIM!	
READ EPHESIANS 2:10	
How should we live in response to the freedom we have in Jesus Christ?	
(WE SHOULD WALK IN HIS WAYS, LIVING FOR HIM AND GLORIFYING HIM IN ALL WE DO.)	

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JESUS: THE BREAD OF LIFE! (PART 2)

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As we go through this journey, we will encounter many different philosophies, teachings, and beliefs. In our lives, we will never stand still. We will either move forward or we will slip backward. It is important that we know the truth of God's Word and live according to it. It is by His grace we are saved and are given eternal life with Him. Our response should be that we live a life that brings glory and honor to Him and is based on His Word alone.

As you pray together as a life group consider these things:

- ASK YOURSELF: "WHAT AM I LENDING MY EARS TO?" PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO HIS WORD FOR THE TRUTH. REMEMBER TO SEEK SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP FROM THOSE GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR LIFE.
- REMEMBER THE VICTORY WE HAVE IN CHRIST!

 BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE, WE CAN LIVE
 WITHOUT FEAR. ARE YOU LIVING FULLY IN

 HIM, IN A MANNER THAT GLORIFIES HIM?

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JESUS: THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!

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JESUS REVEALED TO HIS FOLLOWERS THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY GOD: HOLY, PERFECT, POWERFUL. HE CAME TO BE OUR REDEEMER, TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN, BUT HE KNEW NO SIN. HE CAME IN ORDER THAT WE COULD BE RESTORED IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HIS HOLINESS SETS HIM APART FROM EVERYTHING ELSE; EVEN THE DEMONS KNOW WHO HE IS!

WHILE MANY FOLLOWERS TURNED AWAY FROM HIM, OTHERS FINALLY BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE AND TRUE WORTH OF HIS TITLE, "THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

PASSAGES WE'LL REVIEW:

John 6:60-71; Romans 7:18; Mark 1:21-28; James 2:19; 1 John 4:4

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OPENING WHAT JUMPED OUT AT YOU FROM THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK? WHAT LED YOU TO REALLY THINK OR EVEN BETTER, TO CHANGE YOUR ACTIONS?	NOTES
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE HARD THINGS YOU HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH IN LIFE? WHAT MADE THEM HARD? WERE THEY WORTH THE EFFORT? WHY OR WHY NOT?	
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WHAT JUMPED OUT AT YOU FROM THE VIDEO IN THIS SESSION?	

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READ	NOTES
READ JOHN 6:60-71	
As we reflect back on Sunday's message, why did the disciples claim that Jesus' teaching was hard?	
(IT WASN'T NECESSARILY HARD TO UNDERSTAND, BUT IT WAS HARD TO ACCEPT. THEY WERE TOO EASILY OFFENDED BY HIS TEACHINGS. IT REQUIRED A COMPLETE SURRENDER, WHICH MANY WERE UNWILLING TO GIVE.)	
IN VERSE 63, WE READ: "THE SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE, THE FLESH DOESN'T HELP AT ALL." How does this relate to what we have studied previously in our current series "Remarkable?"	
(There is nothing that we can do on our own to receive eternal life. It only comes through Jesus Christ.)	

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READ ROMANS 7:18	NOTES
How does this tie in with what Jesus was teaching?	
(IT REMINDS US THAT NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM OUR HUMAN NATURE. OUR OWN DESIRES AND DEEDS CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP US. WE CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT HIM!)	
As many of Jesus' followers turned away from Him at this point, Jesus turned to His twelve disciples and asked them, "You don't want to go, too, do you?"	
How did Peter respond? Who did he declare Jesus to be?	
(Peter said, "Lord, who will we go to?" He knew there was no better way. Peter referred to Jesus as the Holy One of God.)	

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As we have already seen throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus was not like the teachers they were used to - the scribes and Pharisees. This becomes very evident as Jesus began teaching at the synagogue in Capernaum.	NOTES
Who spoke out as Jesus was teaching? Why do you think this was significant?	
(A MAN THAT WAS DEMON-POSSESSED SPOKE OUT. EVEN THE DEMON RECOGNIZED THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD, NOT JUST AN ORDINARY TEACHER OF THE LAW.)	
What name did the demon use to identify Jesus?	
(The Holy One of God)	
As Jesus responded to the demon, what two things did he command of the demon?	
(BE QUIET AND COME OUT.)	

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WE SEE THAT EVEN THE DEMON COULDN'T RESIST JESUS' COMMANDS. IN <u>JAMES 2:19</u> , HOW DO THE DEMONS RESPOND TO GOD? (THEY SHUDDER. THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NO POWER AGAINST JESUS.)	NOTES
WE CAN TAKE HEART IN KNOWING THAT THE DEMONS TREMBLE AT THE MENTION OF THE NAME OF JESUS. IN THIS LIFE, WE WILL FACE SPIRITUAL BATTLES. WHILE THE ENEMY CAN BE STRONG, EVEN STRONGER THAN US, WE KNOW THAT JESUS IS STRONGER STILL.	
Read 1 John 4:4	
WHAT HOPE ARE WE GIVEN?	
(THE ONE WHO IS IN US IS GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.)	

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JESUS: THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!

As a result of Jesus' act, we see that the	NOTES
PEOPLE WERE "AMAZED," AND WORD OF WHAT	
JESUS HAD DONE SPREAD THROUGHOUT GALILEE,	
YET MANY ONLY FOLLOWED HIM FOR WHAT HE	
COULD DO FOR THEM.	
Peter, however, knew that Jesus Christ was	
THE GIVER OF ETERNAL LIFE. HE ALSO KNEW	
THAT, WHILE THE COST WAS GREAT, THE	
DIVIDEND WAS IMMEASURABLE, AND HE CHOSE TO	
FOLLOW CHRIST DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY AND	
HARDSHIPS HE MIGHT FACE.	
PRAY	
As we have seen in this week's study, we	
HAVE TWO WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN RESPOND TO	

JESUS AS "THE HOLY ONE OF GOD." WE CAN

CHOOSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND FOLLOW

HIM, REGARDLESS OF THE COST, BECAUSE HE IS

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR. OR,

WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE WHO HE IS, BUT REFUSE

UNWILLINGNESS TO SURRENDER FULLY TO HIM

AND TO LIVE ACCORDING TO HIS TEACHINGS.

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO HIS AUTHORITY?

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JESUS: THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!

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As we go through life, we will encounter
SPIRITUAL WARFARE. WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR
STUDY THAT JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER
EVERYTHING, INCLUDING SATAN AND DEMONIC
FORCES. WE CAN BE ENCOURAGED IN KNOWING
THAT JESUS HAS OVERCOME THE ENEMY! WHEN
WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM, WE CAN REST
ASSURED THAT THE VICTORY IS OURS, AS WELL.

PAUL REMINDS US: "BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!" (1 CORINTHIANS 15:57) WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE MIDST OF A BATTLE, MAY WE REMEMBER THAT HE IS THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH AND OUR VICTORY, AND SEEK HIS HELP IN OUR TIME OF NEED.

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JESUS AT THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES!

JESUS CONTINUED TO AMAZE AND ASTONISH PEOPLE AS HE MINISTERED TO THEM. HOWEVER, MANY STILL MISUNDERSTOOD WHO JESUS REALLY WAS AND WHAT HIS PURPOSE WAS. IN FACT, JESUS' OWN BROTHERS DIDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND. THEY ENCOURAGED HIM TO GAIN FOLLOWERS BY USING HIS MIRACLES TO GARNER ATTENTION AND TO MOVE TO A PLACE OF NOTORIETY AND POWER.

HOWEVER, JESUS HAD NOT COME FOR HIS OWN GLORY, RATHER TO GLORIFY GOD THE FATHER. EVEN THE APOSTLE PAUL REMINDS US THAT OUR FAITH CANNOT BE BASED ON THE WISDOM OF MAN, BUT ON THE POWER OF GOD.

PASSAGES WE'LL REVIEW:

John 7:1-18; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:7; Galatians 6:14

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OPENING	NOTES
What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think, or even better, to change your actions?	
THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO TAKE A STAND FOR SOMETHING. WHAT WAS YOUR MOTIVATION FOR DOING IT? WOULD YOUR CHOICES BE AFFECTED BY THE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES?	
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MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN SEE THE SCREEN AND THE AUDIO IS AT A COMFORTABLE LEVEL.	
WHAT JUMPED OUT AT YOU FROM THE VIDEO IN THIS SESSION?	

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READ JOHN 7:1-13	
LOOKING BACK TO SUNDAY'S MESSAGE, WE SEE THAT EVEN JESUS' BROTHERS DID NOT YET UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS MORE THAN JUST THEIR BROTHER, BUT THAT HE WAS THE SON OF GOD. THEY ENCOURAGED HIM TO GO TO JERUSALEM FOR THE FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS, OR THE FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES, BUT JESUS DECLINED.	
Why did Jesus stay in Galilee instead of going with His brothers to Jerusalem?	
(HE KNEW THAT HE WAS HATED BY THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, WHO WERE SEEKING TO KILL HIM. JESUS KNEW THAT HE WAS HATED BY MANY BECAUSE HE EXPOSED THE EVIL THEY WERE DOING. THEY WERE SHALLOW AND WORLDLY IN THEIR RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.)	

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JESUS LATER WENT TO JERUSALEM IN SECRET.	NOTES
MANY WERE LOOKING FOR HIM, DEBATING IF HE	
WAS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE OR IF HE WAS A	
LIAR. AS THE FESTIVAL WENT ON, JESUS ARRIVED	
ON SCENE AT THE TEMPLE AND BEGAN TEACHING	
THOSE THERE. AS WE'VE SEEN BEFORE, MANY	
WERE IN AWE OF HIS UNDERSTANDING AND	
WISDOM.	
READ JOHN 7:14-18	
The religious leaders discredited Jesus'	
TEACHINGS BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE THE	
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND RELIGIOUS	
TRAINING THAT THEY DID.	
How did Jesus respond to their questioning	
OF HIS CREDENTIALS?	
(JESUS CREDITED HIS TEACHINGS TO THE	
FATHER. HE PRESENTED HIMSELF AS THE	
MESSENGER OF GOD TO THE PEOPLE. JESUS	
SOUGHT TO REPRESENT GOD PROPERLY AND TO	
GIVE GLORY TO THE FATHER ALONE.)	

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READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5.	NOTES
HERE, WE SEE PAUL FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE THAT JESUS SET IN THE TEMPLE. PAUL HAD BEEN WELL EDUCATED AS A JEWISH SCHOLAR. YET, IN HIS LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS, PAUL DIDN'T WANT TO IMPRESS OR GAIN FAME, BUT TO REVEAL THE TRUTH AND POWER OF GOD AND BRING GLORY TO HIM.	
WHAT WAS PAUL'S SOLE PURPOSE AS HE WROTE TO THE CORINTHIANS?	
(The cross of Christ was the center of Paul's message. Paul desired to allow God's power to be shown through his ministry, rather than his own accomplishments, as he presented the Gospel message of salvation through Christ alone.)	

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	NOTES
Paul warned us of allowing human wisdom to interfere with the Gospel message. Too often today, we see the truth of God's word mixed in with man's interpretation and understanding. Paul knew that the wisdom of man would only lead to a change in intellect and the mind, but the wisdom of God would lead us to the life-changing, life-giving power of God.	
READ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7	
PAUL COMPARES US TO CLAY JARS. WE ARE FRAGILE IN COMPARISON TO GOD'S POWER AND GREATNESS. YET, WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO DO THE WORK HE HAS CALLED US TO DO.	
How does this affect how we should live our lives today?	

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	NOTES
(WE CAN SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS BY SHARING THE POWER OF HIM AT WORK IN OUR LIVES. WE CAN USE THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US TO GLORIFY HIM.)	
READ GALATIANS 6:14	
What did Paul say he would boast about?	
(The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ)	
WE SEE IN THE LIVES OF JESUS AND PAUL THAT WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN A WAY THAT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD. WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFERENTLY IN ORDER TO GLORIFY HIM WITH YOUR LIFE?	

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JESUS AT THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES!

PRAY

WE ARE REMINDED THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED OR WHAT MERITS WE MAY HAVE, EVERYTHING PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF CHRIST, JESUS' PERFECT EATH REVEALED JUST HOW LIFE HERE ON IMPERFECT WE ACTUALLY ARE. BY RELYING ON OUR OWN WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, WE CAN ROB THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF IT'S POWER. PRAY THAT YOU WOULD HAVEΑ HUMBLE AND RECEPTIVE HEART THAT SEEKS TO HONOR AND GLORIFY GOD ALONE.

As you go through this week, remember that we are simply earthen vessels that carry the treasure of the Gospel. As we rely on Jesus Christ and His strength, we can have the boldness to present the Gospel message of salvation to those in need. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

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JESUS: THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

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In the conclusion of this series, we find Jesus speaking to the people on the last, most important day at the Festival of the Tabernacles. Many continue to question His identity and authority. It is in this passage that we see Christ Revealed as the Living Water. Jesus previously spoke of this Living Water to the woman at the well in John 4. Now, he was offering it to anyone who would receive it.

JOHN 7:25-52; REVELATION 21:1-8;

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OPENING

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AS WE LOOK BACK TO SUNDAY'S MESSAGE, WE FIND JESUS AT THE FESTIVAL OF THE TABERNACLES. AS WE HAVE SEEN THROUGHOUT OUR STUDY IN "REMARKABLE," MANY QUESTIONED JESUS' AUTHORITY AND THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT HIM.	
However, others chose to follow Him as a result of His miracles, causing the Jewish leaders' resentment. They would respond by sending their guards to try to arrest Jesus. While they did not arrest Him at this time, Jesus declared that his remaining time with them was short.	

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READ JOHN 7:37-43	
During this festival, the people remembered God's deliverance and provision for His people long ago as they left Egypt. As the festivities came to an end, Jesus made an important statement to the people.	
Who did He reveal Himself to be?	
(The Living Water)	
To whom did Jesus offer this Living Water?	
(Anyone who was thirsty. This living water was available to anyone who realized that they had a spiritual need for a Savior!)	

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JESUS DECLARED THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM WOULD HAVE STREAMS OF LIVING WATER FLOW FROM DEEP WITHIN.	NOTES
WHAT DOES THE STREAM OF LIVING WATER REPRESENT IN US AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST?	
(THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT DWELLS IN US AS A RESULT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.)	
How can the streams of living water have an affect on those we encounter on a daily basis?	
(As a result of our relationship with Him, His Spirit will overflow from within us and spill out to those around us.)	
WE SEE MENTION OF THIS LIVING WATER AGAIN IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION	

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READ REVELATION 21:1-8	NOTES
What did the New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem symbolize?	
(THE COMPLETE RENEWAL OF GOD'S CREATION AND THE PERFECTED AND GLORIFIED PEOPLE OF GOD, WITHOUT SIN.)	
IN THIS NEW CITY, WE SEE THAT GOD WILL DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE IN A NEW AND COMPLETE WAY.	
What will be "no more" as a result of God dwelling with us?	
(THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH, NO MORE GRIEF, NO MORE CRYING AND NO MORE PAIN.)	
THIS NEW CITY IS BEST DESCRIBED BY WHAT IT NO LONGER HAS! BY THE ABSENCE OF THESE THINGS, WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF	
God's blessings, along with ultimate Joy and peace. In this new city, He will make everything new. It will be like nothing we	
HAVE EXPERIENCED ON OUR PRESENT EARTH!	

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In verse 6, what are the names of God that we are given? (The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. This reminds us that God is Eternal. Everything was created by Him and everything will be complete through Him.)	NOTES
Once again, we see mention of the water of life, or Living Water. Who does he give this water to? (To those who are thirsty, that is, those who look to Him for salvation.)	
FINALLY, WE READ ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE: THOSE WHO CONQUER AND THOSE WHO FACE JUDGEMENT AND CONDEMNATION.	

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According to 1 John 5:4-5, who are those who are victorious (conquerors)?	NOTES
(Those who are born of God, who have believed that Jesus is the Son of God.)	
As followers of Christ, we are not guaranteed an easy life. In fact, we are	
TOLD IN ROMANS 8:35-36 THAT WE WILL FACE MANY TRIALS. HOW ARE YOU ENCOURAGED KNOWING THAT, BY BELONGING TO GOD, WE ARE	
VICTORIOUS?	
(WE CAN KNOW THAT OUR FAITH IN HIM WILL HELP US TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES THAT WE	
THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE, BUT THAT HE IS WITH US. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE WILL BE WITH HIM,	
IN HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM, FOR ETERNITY!)	
WE ALSO SEE THAT THE CONSEQUENCE OF REJECTING GOD'S TRUTH, AS WE SAW BY MANY	
WHO HEARD JESUS' TEACHINGS, WILL BE ETERNAL CONDEMNATION AND SEPARATION FROM GOD.	

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JESUS: THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

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JESUS CHRIST REVEALED HIMSELF AS THE ONE WHO CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH. AS FOLLOWERS OF HIM, WE ARE ABLE TO DRINK FROM THE STREAMS OF LIVING WATER THAT WILL NEVER RUN DRY. WE CAN BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM!

AS YOU PRAY TOGETHER AS A LIFE GROUP, CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

- Have you experienced the new hope that Jesus brings? Have you experienced complete renewal and restoration of the Living Water of Christ? Have you experienced the intimate relationship between God and man that was made possible by Jesus?
- Are you living out the new heritage that Christ paid for on the cross or are you still living out the judgment and condemnation of those who rebel against God?

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