



TABERNACLE TURMOIL

HOSTILITY & FAMILY ISSUES (John 7:1-5)

- ➔ Context: John 7:1 - *After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill Him.*

PRINCIPLE #1: Nothing seems to _____ the human race quite like _____. Matthew 12:30

- 1 DESTINATION: _____ (Judea)
- 2 OCCASION: Feast of _____ (Sep/Oct of 29 AD)
- 3 DANGER: Jesus had to be _____ about ministering in Judea
- 4 DIVISION: Jesus' own earthly, _____ - _____ in Him

GOD'S TIMING (vs. MAN'S TIMING) (John 7:6-10)

- ➔ It's _____... never early, never late. (Galatians 4:4)
- ➔ It reflects the " _____ ." (Nehemiah 9:5 / 2 Peter 3:8)
- ➔ It's _____. (Psalm 31:15)
- ➔ It advances His _____. (Daniel 2:44; 4:34-35 / Revelation 11:15 / Romans 8:18)

PRINCIPLE #2: The key to understanding God's timing is _____.
Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28, Psalm 34:19, Jeremiah 29:11-13

NOTE the following "TIMING" verses in the Gospel of John:
John 2:4; 7:6,8,30; 8:20; 12:23,31

PRINCIPLE #3: The world does not _____ those who _____ to it!

BIG LESSON: Learn to wait on the Lord for His perfect timing!
Psalm 5:3; 27:14; 38:15; 130:5

TABERNACLES TURMOIL – PART 1 (John 7:11-24)

- ➔ 3 emerging opinions about Jesus of Nazareth
 - 1 _____ also see v.24
 - 2 Outspoken _____
 - 3 Steady developing _____
- ➔ Don't judge superficially (John 7:14-24)... the perfect set-up for NEXT WEEK!



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John 7:1-24 - Tabernacle Turmoil (Part 1)

LifeGroup Discussion Questions / Week of January 21 – 27, 2024

Prayer

Begin your time by asking the Holy Spirit to guide your time together and to help newcomers feel welcome.

My Story

Happy New Year! Share with the group one or two things that you hope to accomplish or see happen in your life this year.

Digging Deep

1) Was there anything in particular in this week's message that spoke loudly to you?

2) Have you ever brought up the name or topic of Jesus and noticed an attitude shift among the people you were talking with? Whether the tone of the conversation becomes more positive or negative, why does the person of Jesus often elicit such strong emotions and opinions?

3) Read John 7:1. As Jesus continued His ministry in Galilee, why do you think what He was doing elsewhere caused such animosity in Judea (Jerusalem)?

Digging Deeper

4) Read John 7:2-9. For a brief time, Jesus decided to stay back in Galilee while His earthly brothers (half-siblings) went up to Jerusalem (Judea) for the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus stated that He would not be going based on their time-table (see verses 6 and 8). What does this verbal interaction tell us about the difference between God's timing and the world's sense of timing?

5) Read John 7:10-13. Even early on in Jesus' public ministry, people were very divided in their opinions about Him. People were also fearful about publicly siding with Jesus for fear of what the religious leaders might do. Talk about the various opinions expressed in these verses. How does fear potentially hold you back from representing Jesus well before your family, friends, colleagues or acquaintances?

6) Read John 7:14-24. In these verses, Jesus offers an illustration of how His contemporaries "broke" the Law of the Sabbath to circumcise baby boys on the 8th day. How does this story illustrate the superficial judgment of the crowd? What is Jesus calling His listeners to do?

Taking it Home

7) Honoring God's sense of timing means that we need to learn to (1) trust in the Lord, and (2) wait for God's perfect timing. Read the following Psalm passages and talk about what it means practically to "wait upon the Lord."

Psalm 5:3 -

Psalm 27:14 -

Psalm 38:15 -

Psalm 130:5 -

8) Step back from John 7:1-24 for a moment. Jesus would not be going to the cross for another six months after this Feast of Tabernacles. Why do you think it was so critical that He take His "marching orders" regarding the timing of His actions from the Father? What might have been jeopardized if Jesus had made a "timing mistake"?

Praying Together

Pray with one another that we would lean on the Lord in patience with a heavenly perspective as we seek to walk daily in the truth of His Son.