

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, May 31st Message

<p>Living Water (John 7) <i>21 Weeks with Jesus</i></p>

1. Last week we looked at Jesus' first of seven "I am" statements. In John 6, Jesus stated, "I am the bread of life." Briefly review & discuss the significance of that statement and some details about it that stand out to you.
2. What was the Feast of Tabernacles (a.k.a. Feast of Booths) all about? What were they celebrating and how did they do it? What was especially significant about what they were doing in the first century when Jesus was there? Read *Leviticus 23:33-43*
3. What are some reasons that you think Jesus went to this feast in secret? Keep in mind all that has gone on in his ministry so far and the map that Pastor Jesse showed during service.
4. In John chapter 7, in what ways are the Jews trying even harder to capture Jesus and put him to death? Why?
5. Why do you suppose that Jesus uses the analogy of "living water" for the Holy Spirit? Can you think of any other analogies that he has used for the Holy Spirit in John's gospel?
**Leader's note: Read John 3:8*
6. Why is the analogy of "living water" so appropriate for how the Spirit works in our lives?
7. What is the difference between the Holy Spirit in our lives today than it was for saints before Jesus ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit came down? Can you recall any examples from the Old Testament?
8. Why does Jesus continually cause division among the crowds?
9. Read Matthew 10:34-36 together and discuss what this means.

