

The Background (John 7:37, 7:2)

The Invitation (John 7:37b-38; Isaiah 55:1-2)

- Who: anyone, everyone who is thirsty
- What: come to Jesus and drink
- Why: the promise (see below)

We tend to focus on our material lives, but Jesus is using a physical metaphor to speak to us about our souls.

The Promise (John 7:38-39)

- Never-ending, soul-quenching living water (John 7:38; Ezekiel 47:1,3-5ff)
- Purpose (John 7:38, Genesis 2:10-14)
- The Holy Spirit (John 7:39)

Jesus' promise is to receive His living water and to be a conduit of it.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

Questions for Reflection

- Who around me does God want to bless through me?
- How does God want me to engage in my community as His minister of reconciliation?
- How can I join the mission God has given New Bridge by serving?

Five Responses to Jesus (John 7:40-52)

- The convinced (John 7:40-41)
- The cynical (John 7:41-42)
- The considering (John 7:44-46)
- The contentious (John 7:45-52)

- The contemplative (John 7:50-51)

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Are You Thirsty?

John 7:37-52

Pray:

Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

How have you been growing in Jesus lately through Bible reading/reflection, prayer, relationships, etc.?

Looking Up:

Read John 7:36-38 along with Isaiah 43:19, Isaiah 55:1-2, Zechariah 14:8-9, and Ezekiel 47:1-12. What connections do you see between John 7:36-38 and these other texts?

In all honesty, where do you find yourself discontent with Jesus' "water"? What expectation, lie, or misplaced hope do you see beneath that discontent?

Imagine (or remember) hearing for the first time that God's Spirit would be freely given to you. Why would that be good news? What about that would excite you? Are there ways those have been lost on you now?

Do you have a sense of how God wants His blessing to flow through you to those around you? Please share. Then, take time to pray for each person who shares.

How might our life group more actively be a conduit of God's blessings to those around us? Spend time praying together about this.

Looking at the 5 reactions to Jesus, where do you see yourself?

Looking Forward:

What will it look like for you to come to Jesus more consistently and meaningfully this week? How can we pray for you or support you in that?