



Text the word "FIRST" to 317-350-1996 to join us in completing weekly Faith First challenges starting in September.

LIVING WATER

BIG IDEA

Jesus offers Living Water where your world is on fire.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud in your group: Acts 1:8a and John 7:37-39

OPENER

What is the most beautiful example of living water that you have ever seen?

QUESTIONS

1. Where is your world burning down or smoldering or your life dry or dying?
2. What is the biggest "thirst of your soul" this week (e.g., fulfillment, peace, relationships, security)?
3. Tell of when you have accessed the power of the Holy Spirit and received peace, comfort, and/or emotional strength.
4. The Bible often speaks of 2 types of water: cistern water that is collected and grows stagnant and living water that flows freely and brings refreshment. In Jeremiah 2:13 God says, "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." In what ways have you forsaken God by quenching His Spirit in your life? What are some of the cisterns you have dug in your life in search of satisfaction that have only led to deeper thirst?
5. The early church was comprised of a few disciples who had no fixed building to use, no steady source of income, and a culture and government that wanted to oppress them. With the power of the Holy Spirit and their willingness to follow Christ, they changed the world. How are the conditions you are experiencing similar to that of the early church members, and how are they different? How can you access the same power of the Holy Spirit in your situation?
6. We might not know what God specifically wants us to do for His Kingdom in the next six months. Right now, have everyone in the group pray for vision and preparedness so that each one of you will be ready to say, "here I am, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).



TAKEAWAY

1. Bring your dead or smoldering things to Jesus
2. As Jesus solves the struggles within you, He will begin using you to solve the struggles around you.
3. The Spirit of God is an unstoppable force, surging like a raging river through the pages of human history and it will continue to surge in our time and until Christ returns!
4. We are left in the world to help get others out of the fire.

REFERENCES

Psalms 55:22 Matthew 11:28 John 4:1-38; 10:10 Galatians 5:22-23
Philippians 4:7 Colossians 1:29 James 2:14-26

DIGGING DEEPER

- Look up “Holy Spirit” in the back of your Life Application Study Bible and read a different verse each day this week to become better acquainted with the Holy Spirit.
- John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, is quoted as saying... “do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” How does the Holy Spirit enable us as we try to live this out? Which of these challenges do you need to work on the most?
- The Spirit of God is an unstoppable force, surging like a raging river through the pages of human history and He will continue to surge! How are you part of God’s unstoppable movement?