

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 7:32-52

Ice-breaker: Do you have any favorite Easter traditions or memories?

DISCUSSION 1: Living Water

1. Jesus says he is the Bread of Life (John 6) and the Living Water (John 7). What do you think these metaphors might convey about who he is and what we find in him?
2. Read John 4:13-14 and John 7:37. Can you recall experiencing Jesus as the Living Water? What did or does this look like in your life?
3. Why don't you think we experience more of Jesus as life-giving, refreshing, and satisfying? What things get in the way? What do we drink in or feed on instead of Christ that might affect our appetite for him?
4. How do you think we can "drink deeply" of Christ this week? What is one practical thing you can do?

DISCUSSION 2: Division Among the People

1. What did the people misunderstand about Jesus in this passage and how are we to understand what Jesus is saying?
2. The Pharisees are convinced that no prophet should come from Galilee. What is the irony of their instance that Jesus can't be the Messiah because of where he is from?
3. What are ways we misunderstand Jesus in our lives that lead us to wrong beliefs about him? How can we guard ourselves from these kinds of errors that lead to unbelief?

DISCUSSION 3: Resurrection

1. Read John 11:17-27. What did Jesus mean when he said he was the resurrection and the life?
2. What are ways Good Friday and Easter matter for the everyday life of a believer? How do we experience and live in light of Christ's resurrection?
3. Are there any hard, hopeless, daunting, or discouraging circumstances in life right now? How might remembering the resurrection power of Christ and the new life given to us in him give some hope or help?

APPLICATION

- **Group:** Be praying this week for any people you invited to Easter, or any people you are praying for with opportunities to share the gospel. As a group, discuss new ways you might do outreach together and participate with the Holy Spirit as he draws people to Jesus.
- **Individual:** What are ways you are seeking to quench your spiritual thirst with things that only Jesus can satisfy? What are the "if only" statements in life that tempt to think they will satisfy what only God can? What are the "advertisements" of the world that catch your attention? Ask a close friend what they think motivates you and are the goals you're seeking.
- **Group:** How can your group remind one another that Jesus is the only One who can satisfy our deepest longings and deepest thirsts?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Water in the Desert:** Ex. 17:1-7; Num. 20:1-11; Deut. 8:15; Neh. 9:15, 20; Ps. 78:15-20; 107:35; Is. 48:21; Rev. 21:6.
- **The Cross:** Rom. 3:21-26; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; John 3:14-18; Col. 2:14; Heb. 9:11-14.
- **Resurrection:** 1 Cor. 15; Luke 24:1-3; Acts 2:29-36; 3:15; 4:33; Rom. 6:8-11; 1 Peter 1:3