

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 7:25-52

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. When you played “hide and seek” as a kid (or with your kids), did you prefer hiding or seeking? Where was one of your best hiding spots? Did you stay hidden long, or did you jump out to scare the one seeking you?
2. When has someone jumped to a wrong conclusion about you? How did you feel?

Getting us into Scripture

3. Who is saying what about Jesus in this passage? What is causing the confusion?
4. Why does Jesus’ teaching in verses 14-29 provoke the responses of verses 30-31? How do you account for the wide range of opinions about him? For the timing involved?
5. Every day at this feast, water would be poured out as a symbol of thanks for God’s provision. In this context, what does Jesus’ statement in verses 37-38 mean? What are some ways that the Spirit’s work is like water (compare 4:13-14)? How is the Spirit received?
6. How does the confusion over Jesus’ birthplace (vv. 41-42) cloud the issue of his identity?
7. Why do the guards keep hands off? What tensions do they feel?
8. What justification do the Pharisees offer in refuting the guards? Nicodemus (vv. 48, 50)? Why would Nicodemus risk defending Jesus?

Getting Scripture into us

9. What evidence can you offer of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? How is his presence like flowing water?
10. What is the relationship for you between believing the promises of Christ and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit?
11. What different opinions about Christ do you hear today? Why does that confusion exist?
12. When have you been ridiculed because of your faith? What did you do?