

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twelve—The Gospel of John Chapter 7

December 3, 2008

1. What is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles? (See Leviticus 23:33–36, 39–43; Deuteronomy 16:13–15).
List:

- what they lived in and why:
- how long it lasted:
- would they be in the temple often:
- what would be the tone of the feast:
- who would be gathered there:
- why they celebrated and when:

2. a) Do you think Jesus' brothers gave him good advice in John 7:3–4? Why or why not?

b) Describe how you **think** the brothers' advice reveals their unbelief in John 7:5.

3. a) What does Jesus emphasize in His reply in John 7:6–8?

- b) Why do you **think** this is so important to Jesus?

- c) Explain why this is significant in John 7:30 and 44.

- d) Reflect on how your life proves or disproves the importance you place on the Lord's timing and share an example.

- 4. a) In John 7:17, what is the challenge Jesus issues to those who question the source of His teaching?

- b) What is one thing you could do to put into practice this challenge?

- 5. a) Write in your own words Jesus' command in John 7:24.

b) Name two areas of your life where you will commit to practice John 7:24. Ask your group to hold you accountable to your commitment.

6. Why do “they” try to seize or arrest Jesus in John 7:30?

7. In John 7:37, what do you think “thirsty,” “come to me,” and “drink” mean?

8. If you are a believer of Jesus Christ, describe how “streams of living water” have flowed from within you. If not, describe a believer that you know with evidence of living water flowing from within.

9. a) Describe the different responses Jesus’ invitation elicits in John 7:40–44.

b) What is your response?

10. a) List reactions chief priests and Pharisees had to each of Jesus' explanations.
(See John 7:20, 32, 35, 47–49 and 52.)

b) What different expectations do you feel others have about Jesus today?

c) How do your answers above (in "a" and "b") affect your expectations when you defend the Lord to those who oppose you?

Going deeper:

11. a) According to the truth written in John 7:18, does your life in the last year reflect that you speak on your own or do you work for the honor of the one who sends you? Explain.

b) Name one way you can grow as a "woman of truth."