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## LESSON 9 LIVING WATER

### JOHN 7

1. What new insight from last week's lesson on Jesus as the **Bread of Life** nourished you in your faith walk? Give some details.
2. Read through **John 7**, noting the diverse opinions about Jesus. What do the following groups think of Jesus?
  - His brothers
  - Jewish leaders/Pharisees
  - The Jews / people of Jerusalem
  - The crowd
  - The temple guards
3. From **V1-9**, why do you think Jesus resisted pressure from His brothers to attend the upcoming festival?

4. What do you find interesting In **V10-13**? How do you relate to what's happening in **V13**? In what situations do you keep quiet about Jesus because of your fears?
5. Read through **V14-18** about Jesus' teaching in the temple during the festival.
- a) Write a timeless truth about Jesus from these verses.
- b) What more do you learn about how the Lord instructs and teaches us from these verses?
- **Psalm 25:8-9**
  
  - **John 14:26** and **15:26**
6. In **John 7:19-24**, Jesus rebukes the Jewish leaders for their misplaced focus. Why do you think they ignored the wonder of Jesus' miraculous healings and instead focused on the day (Sabbath)?
7. Some of the doubts that Jesus could be the Messiah hinged on misperceptions about where He came from (**V25-27, V41-42, V52**).
- a. What do you learn about the Messiah from these verses?
- **Micah 5:2**
  
  - **Matthew 1:1** and **2:1-6**
- b. What misperceptions about Jesus exist today?

8. As Jesus continued teaching in **V28-39**, He invited anyone who was thirsty to come to Him to receive **Living Water (V37-38)**. What is the **Living Water** Jesus is speaking of and what is different about it? See also **John 4:13-14**.
9. Read through **V39-52**. Notice the many different reactions to Jesus. What do you notice in **V43** that is still true and happening today - perhaps in your own family life and community?

#### 10. REFLECTING ON HIS NAME: LIVING WATER

As you reflect on Jesus' declaration that He is **Living Water**, read **Isaiah 55:1a** "**Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters**". Write a prayer of gratitude for the **Living Water** that only Jesus can give.

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PRAYER REQUEST