

### The Heart of the Matter

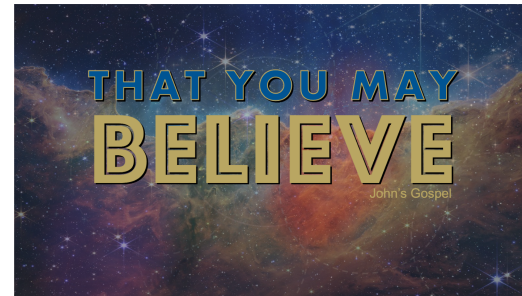
12. Do you face any family opposition to or ridicule of your faith? How do you deal with it? How does Jesus' situation in this passage help?

13. How has Jesus revealed Himself to you today? What is He asking you to do?

14. What evidence can you offer of the presence of the Holy Spirit's work in your life? How is His presence like flowing water?

15. What different opinions about Christ do you still hear today? Why do you think that confusion still persists?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### Finding Rivers of Living Water John 7:1-53 For the Week of September 24, 2023

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Were you ever dared by your brothers and sisters to do something dangerous? What happened?
3. From your school days, what rule seemed pointless or silly? Did you break it?

## **Digging Deeper**

4. Why did the religious leaders want to kill Jesus? (5:18)

5. From verses 2-5, in urging Jesus to attend the feast, are the brothers being wise or worldly? (6:42, 66)

6. From verses 12-13, what rumors are circulating about Jesus in Jerusalem? So, why do you think Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem secretly?

7. Given the risk, why did Jesus end up deciding to go up to Jerusalem in verse 16? How did the people react to His teaching? Why?

8. What do Jesus' responses reveal about His authority? How would you respond if you were in the crowd? What point are the rulers missing about Jesus?

9. From verse 25 on, who is saying what about Jesus in this passage? What is causing the confusion?

10. Why does Jesus' teaching in verses 14-29 provoke the responses we see in verses 30-31? How do you account for the wide range of opinions about Him?

11. 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)?