

Come and See

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WARM-UP QUESTION: What are some things that refresh your soul? What do you turn to when you need to be filled up again?

READ: John 7:37-44

FOCUS: We experience life and share it with others as Jesus quenches our thirst.

OBSERVE:

The Promise

- Jesus was very intentional as He explained how He was the spiritual culmination that the previous events in the Israelite's history pointed to. When the Jewish people were celebrating the feast of booths, which referred to the time when they were wandering the desert living in tents, Jesus was highlighting that historically, God provided water to save them out of a rock and that in the present day, God was still providing a saving water for them through Jesus.

The Problem

- In the time that Jesus was explaining these things to the Jewish people, they were experiencing an increased need for God to intervene for justice, peace and power to fulfill their destiny. This was an increased thirst. Jesus was offering them the water that would quench this thirst. The responses to this offer make all the difference. We can respond with faith and trust or, like the Jewish people here, we can respond with skepticism.

The Process

- Jesus began by addressing their heart issue, not their knowledge issue. Jesus knew there was a calling for each and every person that requires relying on Him as our Lord who guides us and as our Savior who sets us free from our sinful behaviors.
- To have Jesus quench our thirst, we should admit that we have a need and then humbly put our trust in Him. This positions us to drink, which happens through worship, prayer and reading the Scripture. Jesus then enables us to flow, giving water to others, showing them God's love and power.

REFLECT:

- Are there areas of your life where you're feeling dry and unsatisfied? Practically, what is a way to invite God into that area? Additionally, how can incorporating God into those areas bring refreshing?
- Who do you know currently that has a need for refreshing? How can you be used by God to help that person?

TAKE ACTION:

- Choose a specific moment this week to ask the Holy Spirit, "What do you want me to do or say in this moment?" Then, take a step of faith and do what He puts on your heart.
- Please join us in reading the book of John during this series. Next week's message is John 8:1-38.

PRAY:

Jesus, thank You for being the water that quenches our thirst. Thank You that You are for us and have provided all that we need. We choose to drink daily by worshipping You. In Jesus' name, amen.

