



Journey Group Lesson for “The Story of The Church” – March 21, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

Did you enjoy swimming as a child? Where did you like to swim?

Do you like to drink salt water or fresh water better? Why?

Digging Deeper

Read Ezekiel 47:1-2. From where does the water begin flowing? In what direction does the water flow?

Read Ezekiel 47:3-6. What happens to the water as it moves farther away from the temple?

“The Sea” refers to the Dead Sea. This body of water is the world’s lowest (1,300 feet below sea level) and one of the world’s most salty (8.6 times more salty than the ocean). The Dead Sea cannot support fish or plant life.

Read Ezekiel 47:7-12. What happens as the river flows into the Sea? What appears in the water and on the land?

What do you think the river represents? Read John 4:13-14; 7:38. How does Jesus use this river image?

Would you describe your life as “a spring of living water”? Why or why not? How do we cultivate this type of life?

Is there are part of your life that feels like a barren desert thirsty for a drink of water? What does Jesus say is the cure for this (see John 4:13-14)? What are some ways you could “drink this water” Jesus offers?

Bringing It Home

In the sermon on Sunday, Greg said the church is a conduit of God’s presence in the world, the church should bring life to the world, and the church is supposed to flow, not pool. How do you think we are doing? What are some things you and your Journey Group could do to be “the river” of God’s love in this world?

Homework - “Digging Deeper” worksheet.

This week’s memory verse – John 7:38

How can others in the group pray for you?