



John 7
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// Bible References: Ex 17:6; Isaiah 12:3, 55:1; Mark 10:17-18; John 5:18; 7:1-10, 12, 37-39; Rom 5:5; 8:16

// Community Question: What is your favorite Valentines Day candy? (ex: Little candy hearts with "Be Mine", chocolates, etc.)

// Discussion Questions

1. In John we learn that 'not even his brothers believed in him.' How can believers stay strong in their faith when facing opposition or lack of support from those closest to them? Have you ever experienced resistance to your faith from close friends or family members? How did you handle it?
2. The Israelites said they would rather return to slavery in Egypt than die of thirst in the desert. How do we sometimes prefer our "familiar" struggles over trusting God's path forward? What 'Egypt' (comfortable but spiritually limiting situation) might God be asking you to leave behind to follow Him into something better?
3. The Feast of Booths was about remembering God's provision in the past while anticipating future salvation. How does this dual focus of looking back and looking forward apply to our Christian faith today? What past experiences of God's faithfulness help you trust Him for your future needs?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read John 7:37-38. What is the significance of Jesus choosing the exact moment when the priest was pouring water during the Feast of Booths to make His declaration about living water? How has Jesus revealed Himself to you in particularly meaningful or perfectly timed ways in your life?

// Challenge: Jim challenged everyone to "come and partake" of the living water that Jesus offers for either spiritual birth or to become more like Him. If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Saviour, what is standing in your way? If you have accepted Jesus as your Saviour, what is an area of your life that needs to be revived with the living water of Jesus? Take a moment to share your response in your group, then pray for each person to have the strength and faith to take whatever step Jesus is calling them to.