2016: Week 1
Sunday, January 3rd 2016

"Rivers of Living Water"

John 7:37–39
37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

On Sunday, John preached about the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to gain more control of our lives. Instead of thinking, "How can I have more of the Spirit," John challenged us to rather think, "How can I allow the Spirit to have more of me?"

1. Read **Ephesians 4:29–32, 5:18–21** and **Colossians 3:12–17**

- What are *impediments* to the Holy Spirit's control of a person's life?

- What are *enhancements* to the Holy Spirit's control of a person's life?

2. What is a primary impediment to the Holy Spirit's control over <u>your</u> life?

3. What is an enhancement <u>you</u> want to target as it relates to the Holy Spirit's influence within your life this 2016?

FAMILY PRAYER: Pray for the Lord to help remove impediments from your lives and to develop more of an influence over each of you this 2016.