

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Living Water  
John 7:1-53

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- "Let the thirsty come." John 7:37-39
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### Some things to think about

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2. The only requirement is \_\_\_\_\_.  
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3. The Holy Spirit enables us to be \_\_\_\_\_  
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### TALK IT OVER

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What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

Read John 7 in one sitting and note some of your observations to share with the group.

Jesus uses thirst metaphorically when he speaks of being the living water. What things are people today "thirsting" for that the living water satisfies?

In what ways do you think it noteworthy that it was the religious leaders who rejected Jesus? In your opinion, what may cause "believers" to reject Jesus for similar reasons?

Read John 7:37. Which word would you emphasize in this verse: "anyone" or "thirsty?" Why?

What do you think Jesus meant in John 7:38-39 when he said, "rivers of living water will flow from within?" Describe ways in which you think Christians can live out that verse. Describe ways in which Christians are doing the opposite today.



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