

Life Group Homework

JOHN 7:25-52 – JESUS: THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

Getting Started:

Has anyone in the group experienced a time of great encouragement and moving of the Spirit through the actions of someone else that they are willing to share?

Digging In:

1. Read *John 7:28-30*. What portion of Jesus' statement moved the religious leaders to attempt His arrest even though doing so might incite the crowds to riot?

2. In *verse 30* it says that when the religious leaders were seeking to arrest Jesus no one laid a hand on Him "*because his hour had not yet come.*" In *verse 45* it says that the officers sent to arrest Him failed to do so saying, "*No one ever spoke like this man.*" What do these two verses reveal to us about man's futility to change God's plan and the methods God might use to insure His plan is accomplished?

3. For the first time in the book of John, Jesus reveals that He will be going away and where He is going they cannot come (vs. 33-34). What do you think was going through the minds of the twelve disciples when they heard this? (See *John 14* to enrich your discussion.)

4. In *verse 37* Jesus gives the wonderful promise, “*If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.*” If someone came to Him to drink, what would they be thirsty for and what would they be drinking?

5. Those who believe in Jesus are told in *verse 38* that they will have “*rivers of living water*” flowing from inside them, and *verse 39* explains that this is the Spirit. In what way does the Spirit of God inside us fulfill the metaphor of being a river of living water that is flowing from within us? (See *Isaiah 58:6-11* to inform your discussion.)

