

Pastor Kempiz Hernandez • Compass Bible Church • February 1 & 4, 2022 • John 7:37-52

**JESUS, THE LIVING WATER**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read **John 7:37** and consult a Bible dictionary or this article (<https://jewsforjesus.org/jewish-resources/jewish-holidays/sukkot/>) to learn more about the rituals involved in the Feast of Tabernacles.

2. Read **7:37-39**. With this information in mind, what added significance do we glean from Jesus invitation to the Jews to come to him for drink and to come to him for rivers of living water?

3. Read **John 7:39** and note the interesting dynamic of the time between the inauguration of Jesus’ earthly ministry and his death and resurrection. The disciples were followers of Jesus, but they had not yet received the Holy Spirit.

4. Read **John 7:40-44**. What comes to mind from John’s introduction of Jesus in John 1 when your read this passage?

5. From what you know of Jesus’s upbringing and childhood, why might they have been confused as to his lineage and birthplace?

6. Read **John 7:45-46**. Summarize in your own words why the temple officials had failed to arrest Jesus as they had been instructed (c.f. John 7:32).

7. Read **John 7:47-48**. Compare the attitude of the Pharisees with what Paul (himself a former pharisee) writes in 1 Corinthians 1:20-31. How were the Pharisees speaking better than they knew?

8. Read **John 7:49**. John will often employ irony in his writing. How do we see that in this verse?

9. Read **John 7:50-52**. Nicodemus speaks up on behalf of Jesus amidst a group who were adamant that he should be arrested and silenced. Read Mark 8:38. Describe a time when you have stood up and spoken up for Christ or the gospel in a situation hostile to your faith.