



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, June 11, 2023

The Holy Spirit

Water

John 7:37-39

Read/Reflect

1. What is the Festival that Jesus is attending here in John 7, what does it commemorate and what does it have to do with verses 37-39?
2. Sometimes it is difficult to get the exact translation of a sentence, as is evident in John 7:38. There are two possibilities (and the second even has two possibilities):

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me *and drink*. ³⁸ *Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*" ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit,

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³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. **And let anyone drink** ³⁸ **who believes in me.**" **As Scripture has said, "Out of him (or them) will flow rivers of living water.**" ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit,

Explore the meaning of each of these variations: will living water flow within the believer, or from Jesus, or from the believer? This is the Holy Spirit we are talking about, what do you make of the Spirit's action?

Explore

3. What is the most refreshing experience you've had? What does it mean for you to be spiritually thirsty? Can you describe such an experience?
4. How exactly is the Spirit or the action of the Spirit like "living water?" See also John 4:13-14
5. Considering the Spirit's action of shaping you, how would you describe the Holy Spirit in your life?
 - Like a sculptor, chipping away at me
 - Like a water-boy, quenching my thirst
 - Like a plumber, getting me unclogged
 - Other: _____
6. What does it mean for you to "come to Jesus and drink?" Is it periodic or continual?

Pray

- Pray Psalm 42
- Pray for an anointing of the Spirit that can refresh you