



## John: From Parched to Plenty

### RECAP:

In John 7:25-52, we step into a moment of growing tension and confusion around Jesus. The crowds, religious leaders, and even those sent to arrest Him are divided - unsure of who He truly is. Some see Him as a teacher, others wonder if He could be the Messiah, while still others reject Him altogether. Into that atmosphere of confusion, on the last and greatest day of the Feast of Tabernacles; a celebration filled with imagery of water, provision, and longing, Jesus stands and makes a bold declaration in verse 37, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."

This invitation was not made in a vacuum. It came at a moment when the people were remembering God's past provision of water in the wilderness while longing for Him to move again. Jesus steps into that moment and reveals that He Himself is the fulfillment of that hope. He is not just pointing to living water - He is the source.

Jesus goes on to say that those who believe in Him will not only be filled, but that "rivers of living water will flow from within them," (v. 38) pointing to the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 39). What the people longed for, we now live in; the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

This passage invites us to move from confusion to clarity, from striving to receiving. Wherever we find ourselves - dry, weary, or searching, Jesus meets us with the same invitation: come, drink, and be filled.



**4. Read John 7:32-36.** As the tension rises in this passage, the religious leaders want to arrest Jesus, but they cannot. What does this reveal about God's timing and authority, even in the middle of opposition?

**5. Read John 7:37-38.** What is significant about the timing of Jesus' statement (the last and greatest day of the feast)? How does the context deepen His words?

**6.** Where in life right now do you feel "thirsty" or dry? What might God be trying to show you through that?

7. **Read John 7:39.** This verse explains that Jesus is talking about the Spirit. What does this teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?
8. Looking at the whole passage, where do you personally feel challenged, misunderstanding Jesus, hesitating to trust Him, or holding back from responding fully? What would it look like to take one step toward Him this week?

**SUPPORT/PRAYER**

**(15 min)**

Based on verses 38-39, pray into the following prayer:  
*“Holy Spirit would you flow in and through my life?”*

Pray for renewal, openness, and a deeper awareness of God’s Spirit at work in, around, and through you this week.