

John 7

Rivers of Living Water

Okay, welcome back and here we go! Today we will be going over Chapter 7 of John, which means we will be revisiting some things --- ideas we have already spoken about --- Nicodemus, Living Water, Rejection by others!

John 7:1-9

- 1) Why is it hard to believe in some people's confession of change?

I think we forget to trust in God's ability and instead focus on people's character. For some, change comes hard, but it is possible. Look at you!

Why is it hard for some people to believe in us? They might have memories of our past mistakes and they know our faults.

The number #1 way to have people change their minds about you is to change behaviors and act different consistently!

John 7:10-24

Romans 2:1-4

Jesus is pointing out their hypocrisy.

- 2) Why are people who judge others hypocritical?

All of us have areas of weakness, and usually these areas are well hidden --- not always, but what we feel worst about, we hide well.

Where do we draw the line with what is proper and allowed and what is not? We fall under what is called "The Superseding Law of Liberty".

Galatians 5:13-15 ----- James 2:8-12 ----- Galatians 2:3-4 ----- John 3:17

- 3) Can you explain what it means to you to be free from the law?

Truly Jesus came that we might have freedom from what would keep us from salvation --- sin --- the breaking of the law. Throughout Jesus' time, they continually sought to trip Him up with LAWS OVER LOVE!

If you are continually looking at how others are not doing what they are supposed to do, forming opinions in your mind, even sharing with others the shortcomings of some --- *you are in danger of becoming a Pharisee!*

John 7:25-39

4) What is living water and what is it for? How do YOU use it?

Yes, the easy answer is the Holy Spirit. But the best answer is the Holy Spirit flowing out of you, not contained, not dormant, rather, flowing out to others in terms of acceptance, love, faithfulness, trust, and hope.

Life Giving Waters

John 7:40-53

5) Nicodemus --- a hero of the bible for many. Why?

Nicodemus stood for what was right --- a Pharisee of the Sanhedrin.

John 19:38-42

So where are we going with all this? The lesson for the day is *stop judging others by appearance or even by action.*

Romans 14

Do everything you can to make your heart and your walk good with God. If you are looking at others, you are not going to grow. You will be stuck. Work on yourself and leave others to God!

Let's pray.

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