

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 7:38****GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 7-1**

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

**“GROWING OPPOSITION”  
READ John 7:1 - 8:11**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

**DAY 1 – READ John 7:1-13**

2. Why did Jesus stay away from Judea?
3. What did the brothers of Jesus want Him to do and how would you assess their attitude?
4.
  - a. What reason did Jesus give His brothers why He would not go to the Feast of Tabernacles?
  - b. Jesus knew the “right time” to act. We, too, often rush ahead or lag behind in God's timing. Think about the concept of time . . .  
. . . What situations seem to make time pass faster or slower?  
  
. . . What do you think “God sent Jesus in the fullness of time” means?  
  
. . . What does time mean in relationship to eternity?
  - c. Relate a time when you recognized and responded to God's perfect timing.
5.
  - a. What was the atmosphere in Jerusalem when Jesus arrived?
  - b. What keeps you from speaking publicly about Jesus?

**DAY 2 – READ John 7:14-24**

6.
  - a. When Jesus began to teach in the Temple, what was the Jews' reaction?
  - b. . . . Jesus' reply?

**DAY 2 (Continued) – READ John 7:14-24**

7. a. Jesus had healed the man in chapter 5 on the Sabbath. The Jews were strict about keeping the Law of Moses. What inconsistencies did Jesus point out in verse 19?
- ... verse 23?
- b. Are there inconsistencies in your life where you lay on others behavior that you don't keep yourself? Write Romans 2:1.
8. a. What did Jesus tell them in verse 24?
- b. What did the Lord say about appearance in 1 Samuel 16:7?
- c. Consider honestly, how much does outward appearance or behavior affect or influence your opinion of others?

**DAY 3 – READ John 7:25-36**

9. Even in the midst of confusion about His identify, many put their faith in Jesus (vs.31). What did the chief priests and Pharisees do?
10. a. What did Jesus foretell about His death and resurrection?
- b. Why did the people misunderstand His statement?
- c. It is easy to misunderstand another individual. What are some positive ways to keep misunderstandings from happening in your life?
- d. What are some positive ways to keep misunderstandings on your part from happening in your relationship to God?

**DAY 4 – READ John 7:37-53**

11. a. What promise did Jesus make?  
  
b. How did the gospel writer interpret “streams of living water?”
12. a. What was the difference of opinion about Jesus?  
  
b. Share some of the differences of opinion you’ve been confronted with about Jesus.
13. a. Why did the temple guards fail to arrest Jesus?  
  
b. How did the Pharisees react?
14. a. What was Nicodemus’ challenge?  
  
b. Share an occasion when you have received or observed persecution for trying to uphold justice.

**DAY 5 – READ John 8:1-11**

15. When Jesus came to the Temple to teach, what did the Pharisees do to try and trap Jesus?
16. a. What was His statement?  
  
b. What happened?
17. a. What can we learn from Jesus about distinguishing between sin and sinner?  
  
b. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing, the statement has been made, “I know Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery, but I’ve never committed any big sin like that.” What is your answer?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**