

JOHN 7:37-39

30 JUNE 2024

ICE BREAKER: What do you do in your family that few people know?

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Jesus went to great lengths to teach us the Holy Spirit. In this passage, Jesus **stood**, which was unusual for speakers of the day to do, and He **shouted**. He shouted to anyone who would have ears to hear this great promise, **“Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him.”**

Water washes clean. We use water to wash the dirt and filth from our dishes, clothes, even ourselves as we shower. Jesus declares that when the Holy Spirit lives within us, our lives will **get a cleaning**. The Holy Spirit will **not allow us to live comfortably with the dirt** in our lives. We will be put through showers **to clean every unclean and impure area** in our lives.

1. What is an **unclean habit or area** in your life **God** is seeking to **clean out in you**?

(Read John 7:37-38) Jesus uses water to describe the Holy Spirit because water gives great insight into the work of the Spirit in a believer’s life. **Water quenches thirst.** Water **refreshes** us when we are tired, exhausted, and thirsty.

In our **busy culture**, life can be **overwhelming** and **exhausting**. The **demands of family, friends, work or school**, even **church** can all add up to keep us running until we become **spiritually drained** and **emotionally frustrated**. We need the Holy Spirit to **refresh** us when we are weary, **renew** us when we feel worn out, and **inspire** us when we are **spiritually dry**.

That is why Jesus calls the Holy Spirit not just water, but **living water**.

2. Describe a **weary area** in your life where you **need the Holy Spirit to refresh, renew, or inspire you**.

(Read John 7:38) Jesus describes the Holy Spirit not only as living water, but as **streams of living water**. The Holy Spirit is not simply standing water, but **powerful streams of flowing water**. Streams denote the **power** of flowing water, as seen in waterfalls and ocean waves.

Streams, waterfalls, and waves have **power in themselves**. They can transport heavy objects like fallen logs and ships miles and miles with ease. Imagine if we tried to carry logs or ships the same distance. Yet, the danger in trying to follow Jesus is the same. If we try to follow Jesus **in our own power**, we will **wear ourselves out**. We must depend on the **power of the Holy Spirit**.

3. In your **finances, family, friends, work or school**, where do you **need God’s power** most?

(Read John 7:38) **Water equals life.** No water, no life. We are totally dependent on water. In the Ancient Near East during Biblical times, the **center of life revolved around watering wells**. People would **schedule** their **whole day** on when they could go to the wells to draw water necessary for the day.

Jesus says we must view the Holy Spirit the same way. If we are to live life to the full and to experience the power of God daily, we must schedule our whole day drawing all we need from the Holy Spirit.

4. What **daily habit** must you **establish** so you can **draw all you need** from the **Holy Spirit**?

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE & USE PRAYER LIST AS BIBLE BOOK MARKER FOR THIS WEEK

PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those in your group plan to share Jesus with this week or invite to Celebration.)
