

Teacher Sent from God (John 7)

Questions: Week Seven

Jesus Goes to the Feast of Tabernacles - John 7:1-13

Topics: <u>Believe</u>, <u>Compromise</u>, <u>Doubt</u>, <u>Evil</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>Family</u>, <u>Fear</u>, <u>Friendship</u>, <u>God's Will</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Mission</u>, <u>Timing</u>, <u>Truth</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>World</u>

Open It

- 1. Who are some of today's most controversial personalities?
- 2. *What dynamic figure from history do you admire? Why?

- 3. Why did Jesus stay away from Judea? (7:1)
- 4. What feast was near? (7:2)
- 5. *What did Jesus' brothers tell Him to do? (7:3-4)
- 6. Why did Jesus' brothers tell Him to do this? (7:5)
- 7. How did Jesus respond to His brothers' words? (7:6-8)
- 8. *Why did Jesus say the world hated Him? (7:7)
- 9. What did Jesus do when His brothers had left? (7:9)
- 10. What were the Jews doing at the feast? (7:11)
- 11. *What were people at the feast saying about Jesus? (7:12)
- 12. Why didn't the people speak publicly about Jesus? (7:13)

- 13. What sort of things are people today saying about Jesus?
- 14. How would you feel if either a family member or friend doubted you or your abilities?
- 15. *How have you been punished or put down for speaking the truth?
- 16. How would you feel if you knew that someone hated you?
- 17. What would you do if you knew that someone hated you?
- 18. *In what different ways do people react to unwelcome truth?
- 19. When have you been afraid to openly share your beliefs about Jesus?
- 20. In what way is the world today evil?

- 21. How will you encourage either a family member or friend today?
- 22. *In what area of your life do you need to ask God to help you boldly speak the truth?

Jesus Teaches at the Feast - John 7:14-24

Topics: <u>Appearance</u>, <u>Assumptions</u>, <u>Demons</u>, <u>Hypocrisy</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Judging Others</u>, <u>Law</u>, <u>Legalism</u>, <u>Traditions</u>, <u>Truth</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>

Open It

- 1. When have you gotten so caught up with rules and regulations that you missed entirely the joy of living?
- 2. *When have you judged someone or something on appearance alone only to find out later that you were wrong?

- 3. What did Jesus do halfway through the Feast? (7:14)
- 4. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' teaching? (7:15)
- 5. From where did Jesus' teaching come? (7:16)
- 6. *How did Jesus say someone could discover whether or not His teaching came from God? (7:17)
- 7. What quality did Jesus say a person of truth possesses? (7:18)
- 8. What questions did Jesus ask the Jews? (7:19)
- 9. *What did the crowd accuse Jesus of being? (7:20)
- 10. Why did Jesus say the Jews were astonished? (7:21)
- 11. Why did Jesus comment on circumcision? (7:22-23)
- 12. What evidence did Jesus use to show that the Jews also believed in doing good on the Sabbath? (7:22-23)
- 13. How did Jesus compare His healing with circumcision? (7:23)
- 14. *What did Jesus instruct His audience to do? (7:24)

- 15. *How do people today respond to the teaching of Jesus?
- 16. What gives you the confidence to believe that what Jesus taught is true?
- 17. How can we become men and women of truth?
- 18. *What rules do we force on others while overlooking our own violations?
- 19. What are the important issues in today's society about which the Church should be concerned?
- 20. Why do we tend to judge things and people based solely on appearances?

- 21. What hypocritical standard do you need to change in your life this week?
- 22. *How can you put aside a prejudice in order to get to know a person you have misjudged?

Is Jesus the Christ? - John 7:25-44

Topics: <u>Believe</u>, <u>Divisions</u>, <u>Doubt</u>, <u>Faith</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Messiah</u>, <u>Miracles</u>, <u>Rejection</u>, <u>Religion</u>, <u>Satisfaction</u>, <u>Security</u>, <u>Society</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>World</u>

Open It

- 1. In what do people today put their faith?
- 2. *What ideas tend to cause division among the people you know?

- 3. *What questions did the people begin asking about Jesus? (7:25-26)
- 4. Why was it significant that people knew where Jesus was from? (7:27)
- 5. What did Jesus cry out in the temple court? (7:28-29)
- 6. What did the people try to do? (7:30)
- 7. Why were the people unsuccessful in trying to seize Jesus? (7:30)
- 8. *What reason did some of the people give for putting their faith in Jesus? (7:31)
- 9. What did the Pharisees do when they heard the crowd talking about Jesus? (7:32)
- 10. How long did Jesus say He would be with His audience? (7:33)
- 11. What did Jesus say the people would be unable to do? (7:34)
- 12. How did the Jews respond to what Jesus said? (7:35-36)
- 13. What invitation did Jesus offer on the last day of the Feast? (7:37)
- 14. What result did Jesus promise for those who believed in Him? (7:38)
- 15. Why hadn't the Spirit been given yet? (7:39)
- 16. *What conclusions did the people come to about Jesus? (7:40-41)
- 17. Why did the people get confused over Jesus' identity? (7:41-42)
- 18. What effect did Jesus have on these people? (7:43)
- 19. What did some of the people want to do? (7:44)

- 20. What has the world as a whole concluded about Jesus?
- 21. What can you tell about a person from his or her hometown?
- 22. How has your background shaped you into the person you are today?
- 23. When do you feel most refreshed in your relationship with Christ?
- 24. *How has Jesus caused division among groups of people with whom you are associated?
- 25. How has Jesus satisfied your thirsts and longings in life?
- 26. *In what way do we attempt to satisfy our thirsts and longings in life outside of Christ?

- 27. *What specific thirst or longing do you need to trust Christ to satisfy this week?
- 28. How can you refresh your relationship with God today?

Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders - John 7:45-52

Topics: <u>Acceptance</u>, <u>Authority</u>, <u>Influence</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Leadership</u>, <u>Motives</u>, <u>Peer Pressure</u>, <u>Prejudice</u>, <u>Society</u>, <u>Status</u>, <u>Unbelievers</u>, <u>World</u>

Open It

- 1. Why do people join groups, clubs, and associations?
- 2. *To what groups do you belong? Which is your favorite?

- 3. What explanation did the temple guards give for not bringing Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? (7:45-46)
- 4. *How can we infer that the temple guard recognized Jesus' authority? (7:46)
- 5. Of what did the Pharisees accuse the temple guards? (7:47)
- 6. What groups of people had not believed in Jesus? (7:48)
- 7. Why did the Pharisees claim there was a curse on the mob of people who believed in Jesus? (7:49)
- 8. *To what group did Nicodemus belong? (7:50)
- 9. What question did Nicodemus ask? (7:51)
- 10. What question was Nicodemus asked? (7:52)
- 11. *What claim did the Pharisees make about Galilee? (7:52)

- 12. *To what groups in your church do you belong?
- 13. How might your membership in certain groups influence your opinions or beliefs?
- 14. What religious groups have power and authority in today's society?
- 15. *How might today's religious leaders react to Jesus if He came back today?
- 16. Why do we tend to judge others before we actually get to know them?
- 17. How do we sometimes abuse spiritual authority?

- 18. *What groups that further the cause of Christ can you support? How?
- 19. How can you glorify God in the places of authority you hold?

A Woman Caught in Adultery - John 7:53-8:11

Topics: <u>Accusation</u>, <u>Adultery</u>, <u>Failure</u>, <u>Faults</u>, <u>Forgiveness</u>, <u>Hypocrisy</u>, <u>Immorality</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Judging Others</u>, <u>Legalism</u>, <u>Punishment</u>, <u>Self-righteousness</u>, <u>Sin</u>

Open It

- 1. *What sins do most people think they are incapable of committing?
- 2. What activities or behavior do you consider to be immoral?
- 3. What do you think is the biggest challenge to marriages today?

- 4. Where did Jesus go? (8:1)
- 5. What did Jesus sit down to do in the temple courts? (8:2)
- 6. Whom did the Pharisees bring before Jesus? (8:3-4)
- 7. *What did the Law of Moses say should happen to the woman caught in adultery? (8:5)
- 8. Why did the Pharisees bring the woman before Jesus? (8:6)
- 9. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees' question? (8:6-8)
- 10. *Why did Jesus issue a challenge to the Pharisees? (8:7)
- 11. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' challenge? (8:9)
- 12. What did Jesus ask the woman? (8:10)
- 13. *What did Jesus tell the woman to do? (8:11)

- 14. *Which sins do we tend to categorize as "big" sins (those that are worse than all others)?
- 15. Why do we rush to point out other people's sin?
- 16. Which sins do you think God classifies as "big" sins?
- 17. How do we treat people who have fallen into one of the so-called "big" sins?
- 18. *How should we treat people who have sinned?
- 19. About what do you tend to be self-righteous?
- 20. What should we do when we've sinned?

- 21. How can you challenge a friend or family member caught in sin to sin no more?
- 22. Away from what bad habit or tendency do you need to take the first step today?
- 23. *What self-righteous attitude will you ask God to change in your prayers this week?