

Discussion guide for John 7

1. What do you think Jesus' brothers wanted from Him? What bothered them so much about what Jesus was doing? Why did it bother them?
2. What does it mean for us today to be, "hated," by the world?
3. Based on the context of 7:19-24 that Jesus viewed His healing of the man at the beginning of chapter 5 as the equivalent of the religious leaders prioritizing of circumcision over the sabbath, what does it mean to, "look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly?"
4. What misunderstandings of Jesus exist today that keep people from following Him?
5. Practically speaking, what is meant by the phrase, "Rivers of living water will flow from his heart?" Knowing that Jesus was referring to the Spirit (v. 39), what does that look like in the life of the believer?
6. If following Jesus as He's been revealed to us in the Bible means walking in the manner in which He walked, how can we better incarnate Christ to others? How can we better speak into each other's lives? How can we better intercede?