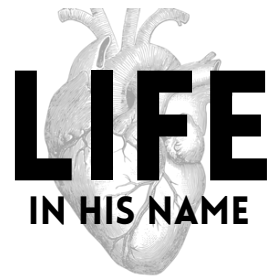


GROWTH GUIDE

What To Do With Jesus? | John 7:14-52

Week of 2/18/2024



SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: Our response to Jesus is the key to experiencing life in his name.

- 1) Recognize the truth of who Jesus is. John 7:14-36
- 2) Receive the satisfaction that Jesus offers. John 7:37-39
- 3) Respond to the claims that Jesus made. John 7:40-52

GROUP DISCUSSION

1) What was your view of Jesus before you followed him as Christ? We see the people make assumptions about his authority, origin, and agenda. How do vv. 14–36 confront these assumptions? Is there anywhere you've misjudged Jesus?

2) What is the significance of Jesus standing up and saying the words of vv. 37–39 at this moment in the ceremony? What is Jesus inviting his audience to do? How is Jesus' invitation similar to Isaiah 55:1–3, 6–7?

3) According to Jesus in John 4:13, what is the result of drawing from earthly wells? What are some examples of the empty wells you look to for meaning, purpose, value, joy, hope, and happiness?

4) Sometimes we miss out on the true satisfaction that Jesus gives through the Spirit because of our idols of the heart, weariness of life, distance from the Spirit, and miscalculation of Jesus. Have you seen one of these stealing your satisfaction? What change does the Gospel call you to make?

5) In ch. 7, every time the true character of Jesus is revealed, people are divided. Are you okay with Jesus being polarizing? What would change in your life this week if you fully believed and embraced this fact about him?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) Based on how you spent your time last week, who or what functioned as the authority in your life? In what part of your life would you like to see yourself be more submissive to Jesus' authority?

2) If I lack confidence in sharing Jesus, what is at the root of this lack of confidence?

- Is it a right understanding of Jesus? Feeling as though you have to apologize for Jesus? Something else?
- What do I need to change in order to share Jesus unapologetically?

