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September 30, 2018 John 7:37-52 "Can This Be the Christ? (Part 3)"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Ice Breaker: In this passage we have an incredible invitation from Jesus. What is one invitation you would like to receive—it can be for anything?

2. Tony reminded us on Sunday that each of us must answer the question, "What will I do with Jesus?" How has your answer to this question affected your identity, your choice of community, and your purpose? If you're a Christian, how is your life different because of God's saving work in your heart?

3. Being thirsty is a gift. We don't always see hard things as grace in our lives. Does anyone have an example of how a God's grace was demonstrated in an unlikely way? How do we remain thirsty—especially in a society where we have most of our tangible needs met?

4. Again, the end of the passage explains several responses to Jesus. Convinced, Cynical, Confused, Contemplative. Jesus has mentioned several different reactions to him in the last few chapters. Which of these have you been at different times in your life? How can we best respond as we befriend, disciple, and mentor others in these various camps? Are there specific people we can be praying for in each camp?

5. "You are what you eat." What parallels can we make in our spiritual growth? What aspects of your spiritual diet are healthiest? What is step you would like to take to improve your spiritual "intake"?

6. A Christ-centered, Spirit-filled life is not a self-centered life, but an others-focused, God-glorifying life. Do you have a Dead Sea faith or a Jordan River faith? What opportunities is God giving you to bless and influence others? How can we encourage one another to be faithful in these opportunities?

7. Jesus saves us from our self-absorption. He saves us from our addiction to ourselves, and the Spirit empowers us to be a blessing to the world. What are some ways we can prepare for this battle in our world that encourages us to build a platform and influence (i.e., social media, building a ministry, etc.)?

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