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THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN EDITION

SERMON: The Spirit Who Satisfies
(WATCH SERMON) (SERMON NOTES)
SPEAKER: Pastor Dave
CORE SCRIPTURE: John 7:37-44

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

In this sermon, we explored John 7:37-44, focusing on the themes of Festival, Fountain, and Friction, with a special emphasis on the role of the Holy Spirit. During the Festival of Tabernacles, a time symbolizing water and abundance, Jesus proclaimed Himself as the true source of living water. This proclamation, like a Fountain, highlights the Holy Spirit's role in providing spiritual renewal and abundance to those who believe. The Holy Spirit is depicted as a river of life, flowing from within and through believers, empowering them to live out their faith. However, Jesus' invitation also led to Friction, as people debated His identity and origins. This sermon encourages us to ensure our spiritual connection is rooted in Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, rather than relying on other sources.

SHARE

Ice-breaker: Share a time when you thought you were connected to something (like a device or a plan) but realized later you weren't. How did you feel, and what did you do about it?

READ

As a group, read **John 7:37-44** out loud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. In John 7:37-38, Jesus invites those who are thirsty to come to Him. What does it mean to be spiritually thirsty, and how can we come to Jesus to be filled?

3. Jesus said "As Scripture has said" in v.38. Spend time on each of these passages discussing how they relate to God's call for Israel and Jesus' call for believers in themes of water, life, and fountains: Isaiah 58:11, Ezekiel 47:1-2, 9, 12, Joel 3:18, Zechariah 14:8.

4. Reflect on the illustration of the phone and charger. How can we ensure we are truly connected to Jesus and not just going through the motions?

5. In verse 39, the Holy Spirit is described as the source of abundance. How does this align with the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?

6. Pastor Dave Peters shared about Buzz Aldrin's experience of finding purpose. What are some traps that seem like good sources to sustain us, and how can we avoid the trap of seeking fulfillment in achievements rather than in Jesus?

7. The sermon highlighted the friction and division among the people in response to Jesus' words. Why do you think there was such a varied response, and how can we learn from this in our own faith journey?

NEXT STEPS:
Consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to pour out and serve those around you. Identify specific ways you can be a living fountain, sharing the love and abundance of Jesus with your community. Whether it's through acts of kindness, volunteering, or simply being present for someone in need, let the Holy Spirit guide and empower you to serve others.

PRAY:
Spend time in prayer as a group, asking the Holy Spirit to help each person stay connected to Jesus, the true source of life. Pray for the ability to be a living fountain, pouring out to those around us.

CLOSING:
Encourage each other to remain connected to Jesus throughout the week and to seek opportunities to share His love and abundance with others.