



Family Conversation Guide

(May 30, 2021)

READ AND DISCUSS

This week, we have the opportunity to experience Jesus as He comes into our lives and impacts every part of us. **Jesus claimed to be the 'Living Water'. Is this true? If it is true, how does Jesus change our lives when we have a relationship with Him?** Before listening to the sermon, ask family members to find **John 7: 37-53** in their Bibles. Everyone should have note paper and something to write with.

Review from last week:

1. Last week, we read how **Jesus was making more claims to being the Savior.** This led some people to believe in Him, but others to hate Him and want Jesus eliminated. Jesus asked everyone to believe in Him, repent of their sins, and follow Him.
2. **What does it mean to 'believe in Jesus'?** Lots of people believe that Jesus was a man in history 2,000 years ago, because His life was well documented and changed the course of world history. 'Believing in Jesus' is His way of asking us if we believe what the Bible says about Jesus (believing that He was sinless, divine, holy).
3. **What does it mean to 'repent of your sins'?** Repenting is more than just knowing that you have made bad decisions. Repenting is turning from those bad decisions and committing to live the way God plans for us to live. How should your life be different if you repent from your sin and choose purity?

4. **What does it mean to 'follow Him'? Where are you supposed to follow Jesus to?** God chose for you to be born in your family, live in your area of town, have your friends at school and activities, and have each aspect of your personality. Is it possible that Jesus wants you to do all the things in your life you are already doing, but to do them as if Jesus was your leader and guide, as you 'follow Him'?

This week: Read **John 7:37-53**

5. The Feast of Booths (Feast of Tabernacles) was coming to a conclusion. **Can you each describe a big celebration or party you have been to?** Pastor David tells us that the Feast of Booths was longer and bigger than any Memorial Day Weekend or 4th of July celebration we can imagine.
6. Read **John 7:37-38**. Imagine how shocked everyone is that Jesus puts the focus on Himself as our 'Living Water'. Jesus was so bold to stand up and cry out that He can quench everyone's thirst in every area of their lives. **What do you think this says about Jesus?**
7. Everyone thirsts. David points out that different people thirst for truth, security, presence, life, and meaning. Teenagers in our church have shared that they thirst for rest, space, music, and good friendships. **What do your friends thirst for? What do you thirst for?**
8. Read **Isaiah 55:1**. Everyone who thirsts should come to Jesus. He is the only real answer to meet our needs and be our true identity. **What does it mean to have your identity solely in Jesus?**
9. Read **John 7: 39**. Christians have all of the Holy Spirit when they repent and believe in Jesus. Unfortunately, as David points out, many Christians try not to open all the areas of their life to the Holy Spirit. **Discuss how much of you the Holy Spirit has.**

10. Read **John 7:40-42**. As the people learned about Jesus and heard him speak, many had different conclusions of who He was. Different people thought Jesus was:
- The prophet
 - The Christ/Messiah
 - Not the Christ/Messiah, since they wanted someone else (bickering over where they believed He was born)
 - Someone who needed to be eliminated
11. What are **some of the reasons you know Jesus was indeed the Christ/Messiah?**
12. Read **John 7:43-44**. **Have you seen Jesus divide people based on His words and life?** Discuss with your family how they have seen divisions arise over Jesus.
13. Read **John 7:45-53**. The chief priests and Pharisees did not like that the officers chose not to arrest Jesus. In this passage, they looked down on and mocked the officers, crowd, and even one of their own (Nicodemus). When someone doesn't allow Jesus and His living water to flow in their lives, they can act nasty, insulting others and having hard hearts. **What are the ways you should respond to someone if you feel they insult you for trusting in Jesus and living your life for Him?**

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Although Jesus' Living Water is so much more than how a plant needs water for its nutrients, this can be a good tangible example. **As a family, fill up a pitcher of water and go to water a plant. During your time together, discuss what would happen to the plant without having water, leading to a discussion of what happens to us without Jesus in all the areas of our lives.** After watering the plant, pray as a family that all the areas of your lives will be healthy and vibrant, like a beautiful plant.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We believe in you and we love your Living Water. We desire the Holy Spirit to reign in every area of our lives, so we can enjoy all of your Living Water. May You lead us to be a united family who loves You and celebrates You in every way. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

FOR YOUNGER KIDS

What happens to a pretty flower plant if it doesn't get any water? Over time, it will become very dry and the flowers will not be pretty anymore. It will be a sick plant. The flowers will need water. Jesus says He is the water in our lives. **Jesus wants to water you and have you grow healthy and beautiful, even more than the prettiest flowers you've ever seen.**

With all the talk about Living Water, sing 'My Lighthouse':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>