



JOHN CHAPTER 7 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Do you consider yourself to be a person who prefers to be in the limelight or behind the scenes? Why?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 7:1-52)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 7:1-9

- What did the disciples not understand about Jesus that He understood about Himself?
 - The disciples didn't understand that Jesus' mission wasn't about glorifying or honoring self. Jesus understood that His mission was to live a life of surrender and submission to the Father, a life that wasn't about self-promotion but rather a life that was devoted to making the Father known.

- What parts of your heart, soul, and mind are more about self-promotion rather than making the Father known? How can you more fully move to places where your entire lifestyle is about making the Father known?
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John 7:10-19

- One of the interesting things to note in this section of text is that there were portions of Jesus' public ministry in which He intentionally sought to stay out of public view. What do you think these intentional decisions indicate about what Jesus knew about Himself and what He knew about the Father?
 - Jesus very much so understood and know who He was and what's amazing and inspirational is that Jesus didn't seek to be someone who He wasn't because His identity was firmly rooted in the love of His Father. Jesus knew that love and embraced that love.
 - In what ways do you need to seek to be the man or woman of God that He has made you rather than seeking to conform to who others or even you want to be?
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John 7:20-24

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John 7:25-36

- Throughout the Gospel of John, we encounter this phrase, "Jesus' time has not yet come." This phrase is loaded with implications but points to God's perfect plan and perfect timing regarding Jesus' death on the cross.
 - Do you have any problems with God's timing versus your timing? How do you actively practice trusting God's timing over and above your own?

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□ John 7:37-52

- Why does Jesus compare the Holy Spirit to living water flowing out of a person?
 - Living water is abundant. Living water quenches thirst. Living water's source isn't any human being but the Lord. Living water is transformational.
 - How much do you daily rely and depend on the Holy Spirit? What does this mean and look like for you?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 8)



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