

Jesus' Mission, part 2 – John 7:32-52

Jesus' brothers gave Him worldly advice about His ministry and yet Jesus remained faithful to His mission even as the pivotal moment of His ministry was drawing near (7:1-15).

Jesus explained that in His mission, His teaching was from the Father, His purpose was to do the will of the Father, His goal was to glorify the Father, and He was sent by the Father (7:16-31).

Jesus declared that His mission would result in the giving of the Spirit to those who believe (7:32-39).

Jesus' mission brought division among the people (7:40-52).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. How does our mission as Christians today have similarities to Jesus' mission? (see John 7:16-31 and I Peter 2:21)
3. In verse 37, Jesus made clear that those who believe in Him will receive the Spirit and that the thirst to know God would be satisfied. (See John 4:13-14, Revelation 21:6, & Revelation 22:17 for further insight.) What does this quenching of the spiritual thirst to know God look like in your own life?
4. In verse 38 Jesus describes the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life as rivers of living water flowing out of his heart. What do you think this means? (See Joel 2:28-29 & Acts 2:1-11 for more insight.) What evidence do you see of the Spirit being alive and at work in the hearts and lives of other Christians around you? How about in your own heart and life?

5. In 7:40-52 we see that Jesus brought division between people in how they responded to Him. Why does Jesus bring such division? How have you witnessed or experienced this division in your own life?

Memory Verse: John 7:37-38

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 7:53-8:30