Gospel of John Westgate Church of Christ Sunday Feb. 16, 2020

LIVING WATER

Introduction:

Before the class reads John 7, make the teacher answer the following:

- 1. What are the major Spring Feasts? Fall Feasts?
- 2. What are some important things that happened in the Feast of Tabernacles that make the text of John 7 more meaningful?

READ John 7:1-13:

- 1. Why were Jesus' brothers urging him to go to the Feast? What do they assume about Jesus' motivations? Why?
- 2. Sometimes believers face opposition or ridicule for their faith from family members. Do you know anyone who has been in that situation? How does this passage encourage you?

READ John 7:14-36:

- 3. The Feast of Tabernacles was the climax of all the feasts of Israel, and Jesus went right into the Temple and started teaching. How did people receive at first?
- 4. Did the people understand Jesus' statement in vs. 33-34? What was Jesus talking about? Where was he going?

READ John 7:37-52:

- 5. What did Jesus cry out at this point in the ceremony? How did the crowd react?
- 6. Why did the temple guards report back without apprehending Jesus?
- 7. Nicodemas, a top Jewish leader, argued for a fair trial for Jesus. How did the rest of the leaders respond? Why did it matter where Jesus was from?
- 8. What are some of the different opinions of Jesus today? What are some reasons people give for not believing in him?
- 9. Have you ever seen someone grasp at anything they can grab in an effort to avoid Jesus? When?
- 10. Explain v. 39.
- 11. How can you tell when streams of living water are flowing from within you?

