



Gospel Community Notes & Questions

Title: Forever Satisfied

Text: John 7:37-39

Theme: Eternal, abundant life in the Spirit is God's gift to all who believe in Jesus.

Teaching Notes: After seven days of the water pouring ceremony at the Feast of Booths, Jesus cried out on the eighth day, promising an eternal stream of water to anyone who thirsted and believed in him. This signified that he was not only the source of salvation, but also the source of satisfaction and the Spirit.

Outline:

1. A great feast.

- a. To commemorate the Exodus and the nomadic lifestyle of the Jews who followed God's presence through the wilderness.
- b. To thank God for another harvest and to pause to enjoy his blessing.
- c. To look forward to the coming age of the Messiah.

2. A great invitation.

- a. The invitation is to anyone who thirsts.
- b. The invitation is to come to Jesus.
- c. The invitation is to be satisfied.

3. A great promise.

- a. Quantitatively, you'll be satisfied continually and forever.
- b. Qualitatively, you'll be satisfied by something healthy and life-giving.

4. A great privilege.

- You receive from Jesus not a commodity or resource but the Holy Spirit



Questions to explore individually and with your group:

1. What did you know about The Feast of Booths before this message? Of what you learned in this sermon, what stood out to you?
2. When Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty," what do you think he was talking about? Who do you think he was referring to?
3. What kinds of "thirst" do you experience in everyday life? How do you think our culture would answer that question?
4. Jeremiah 2:13 says, "My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." Explain that in your own words.

What are your cisterns – i.e. what do you pursue to satisfy your thirst?
5. What happens over time as you repeatedly try to satisfy your thirst in the things of this world?
6. What are some reasons you aren't more thirsty for God?
7. What are some positive effects of drinking crystal clear, pure water? Now relate that to your spiritual life: What are some positive effects of believing in Jesus and consciously seeking your satisfaction in the Spirit?
8. "A Spirit-filled person is a satisfied person." Do you agree or disagree? Discuss.
9. Contemplate that Jesus not only removed your guilt and shame at the Cross, he also removed your dissatisfaction and thirst. Just as he became sin so that you might become fully righteous, he also became thirsty so that you might become fully satisfied. How does this Gospel truth transform the way you think about contentment?
10. What one actionable thing will you do this week in response to this Scripture?

Prayer Prompts:

1. Praise God for taking your thirst on the Cross and sending his Spirit to forever satisfy the deepest longings of your soul.
2. Confess what your "cisterns" are.
3. Ask God to give you an appetite for the crystal clear, life-giving water of the Spirit to refresh your soul even in the drought and darkness of life.