

Introduction: Quenching your spiritual thirst

- Thirst – “A strong wish for something; an appetite, craving, hankering, longing for, yearning, or passionate desire for” -Webster
- Satisfaction – “The feeling experienced when one’s wishes are met; content, delighted, happy, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, relish” -Webster
- Dissatisfied – “Not content, happy, or pleased with something or someone; miserable, aggravated, gloomy, melancholy, despondent, restless, annoyed” -Webster

Jesus’ promise of satisfaction:

... Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, “***If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water...***”

John 7:37-38

Solomon’s counsel for satisfaction:

Proverbs 2:1-6

How to unearth spiritual _____ from God's Word -

The Truth:

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life." Jesus – John 6:63 (NIV)

3 Important Tools:

1. _____ - What informs this passage?

- Historically, culturally, within the book?
- i.e. The Feast of Tabernacles

2. _____ - What is the basic flow/outline?

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| I. Jesus goes to the Feast | John 7:1-13 |
| II. Jesus teaches in the Temple | John 7:14-24 |
| III. Jesus is the center of controversy | John 7:25-44 |
| IV. Jewish leaders reject Jesus | John 7:45-52 |

3. _____ - What seems to be the most important truth, event, or action in the passage?

- Jesus' offer to all! John 7:37-44

How to hear God's _____ from your study of His Word

The Principle:

“If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.”

Jesus – John 7:17 (NASB)

4 Great Questions:

1. Is there a _____ to obey?

- _____ to Me and _____ . John 7:37

2. Is there a _____ to claim?

- Streams of living water will flow from _____ him. John 7:38

3. Is there an _____ to follow?

- Some in the crowd John 7:31
- Nicodemus' question John 7:50

4. Is there a _____ to discern?

- All of these are barriers to belief!

John 7:5

John 7:24

John 7:45-52

John 7:12-13

John 7:27

John 7:19-20

John 7:42

How to personally apply God's Word to your present _____

The Promise:

"... If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Jesus – John 8:31-32 (NIV)

Barriers to receiving Jesus' promise:

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| 1. Familiarity – brothers | John 7:5 |
| 2. Fear of what others may think or do | John 7:13 |
| 3. Unwillingness to obey | John 7:17 |
| 4. Ignorance | John 7:24 |
| 5. Superficial assessment or evaluation | John 7:25-31 |

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you most thirsty for in your life?
2. What is the biggest barrier to your faith?
3. What step will you take to glean wisdom from God's Word this week?