

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: September 12, 2021

Title: "Living Water"

Text: John 7:37-39

INTRODUCTION:

Our Faith Promise Missionary Conference begins in two weeks (9/26).

In preparation . . .

1. This morning, we focus on the _____ of the Church.
"If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink" (John 7:37)
"You proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26)
2. Next Sunday, on the _____ of the Church.
"Streams of living water will flow from within him" (John 7:38)

SETTING . . .

1. The Feast of "Tabernacles" | "Ingathering" (Lev. 23:33-43)
It **commemorated** the journey from Egypt to Canaan and **celebrated** the productivity of Canaan ... "a land flowing with milk & honey" (Exodus 3:8).
2. The _____ surrounding Jesus:
 - A. From "his _____" (7:1-9)
Four are named in Mark 6:3 ... "James, Joseph, Judas (Jude), Simon"
 - B. From "the _____" (7:10-31, 33-44)
Jewish pilgrims and permanent residents of Jerusalem.
 - C. From the _____ authorities (7:32, 45-52)
Identified specifically as the "chief priests and Pharisees" in vs. 37.

INVITATION (vs. 37)

Three key words summarize Jesus' gospel invitation.

1. " _____ " — speaks of a recognized _____.
2. " _____ " — speaks of our approach to an object or person.
3. " _____ " — speaks of making Christ your _____.

What's meant by "come & drink?"

- 1) To come to Him is to _____ on Him (John 3:16)
- 2) To come to Him is to _____ Him (Rom. 3:20-24)
- 3) To come to Him is to _____ Him (John 1:10-13)

PROMISE (vss. 38-39)

Jesus declared, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

What will flow in these rivers?

1. The _____ of the _____ will flow in these rivers
2. The _____ of Christ will flow in these rivers
3. Power to _____ will flow in these rivers
4. _____ will flow in these rivers

RESPONSES (vss. 40-52)

1. The CONVINCED (40-41a)
2. The CONTRARY (41b-44)
3. The CONFUSED (45-49)
4. The CONTEMPLATIVE (50-52)