

WORKOUT

JOHN 7:1-53

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read John 7.

Ponder the connection between Jesus' proclamation in verses 37-38 and John's building argument through the first seven chapters of his gospel.

How do John 1-7 inform how we understand:

- What it means to thirst? (Start with John 4:7-26 and 6:29-35.)
- What it means to come to Jesus? (Start by searching for instances where someone comes to Jesus, and consider Jesus's different declarations and challenges to them.)
- What it means to believe? (Remember John 2:23-25, 3:11-15, 4:39-42, 4:46-53, and 6:35-40.)
- The significance of living water? (Start with John 4:10-14 and cross references like Jeremiah 2:13.)
- Why Jesus was sent? (Pay attention to the similarities between chapter 7 and chapters 5-6.)

Consider the people's responses to Jesus as they relate to John's goal that we would believe and live.

- How do the brothers reveal that they do not believe in Jesus (7:3-5)?
- Why does the world hate Jesus (7:6-7)? Compare this statement to His teaching in 3:19-21.
- What is the difference between the Jews who believe and those who don't (7:14-31)?
- What causes the division described in verse 43? What is the difference in the officers' (7:45-46) and the Pharisees' (7:47-49) responses to revelation?



Pray Holistically

Read John 7:28-29 and 1 John 1:1-3. Pray in adoration of God, eternally existent as God the Father, Son, and Spirit. Pray to marvel at His plan of redemption, being worked out since before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-10).

- Father, thank you that in Jesus, we have seen your glory (John 1:14). Thank you for sending Him, your eternal Word, so that we could see and know you. You are True and Good, and every truth and every good thing comes from you. You are life, and in Christ we have seen this life. Thank you that in Christ, we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness from our sins (Ephesians 1:7).

Pray Personally

Read and pray John 7:37-41.

- Pray in confession of the specific things that you are tempted to thirst and long for more than Christ. Pray, asking the Lord to help you see the things in your life that keep you from coming to Him. Pray that He would help you believe and trust in the living water that He supplies.
- For an example on praying this Scripture, see this [Gospel Coalition article](#).



Whoever believes in Jesus is satisfied and sustained forever. This week, continue to pursue the spiritual discipline of fasting. Choose a day to fast from food and meditate on the hope that is in Christ for those that believe in Him.

- Over the past few weeks, we have sought to be satisfied by Christ alone. We have pursued resisting the temptation to chase after earthly pleasures and cravings that will not satisfy, and have sought to worship and honor the Lord who sustains and gives us life.
- This week, set your attention forward to our hope that lies ahead.
 - Read John 7:39 and John 14:25-26, and pray in thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit who keeps us, teaches us, and guards us for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5).
 - Read John 7:37-38 and Revelation 22, and rejoice in the future hope of eternal life in the new creation. Rejoice in Jesus' revealed promise: "Surely I am coming soon."
- Have a conversation with someone about your hope.
 - Why do earthly pleasures fall short of satisfying our deepest longings?
 - How have you grown to trust in Jesus as the only Giver of Life?