

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / APRIL 7

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read John 7:32–44 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “As long as you’re trying to satisfy yourself with anything other than God you will remain in this condition: thirsty.”
- “Spiritually speaking, drinking is receiving into the soul that which serves to refresh it. We drink by faith.”
- “We don’t bring anything to Jesus other than our thirst and our faith. Not only do we not bring anything to Jesus, but we actually come to him and get to take everything from him.”
- “Knowledge of your thirst is not the same as coming and drinking.”
- “We’re not just saved to be satisfied; we’re saved to live sent!”

### Group Discussion

1. Read John 4:7–15 and 7:37–39. What are the similarities and differences in the water symbolism in these passages?
2. Reflect on times you’ve sought satisfaction outside of Jesus. What was the result?
3. What does Jesus mean by “drink” in v. 37? What would it look like practically for us to go to Jesus and drink?
4. How does v. 39 explain vv. 37–38? What does the Spirit have to do with “rivers of living water” flowing from our hearts?
5. Consider the different groups and their reactions to Jesus in vv. 25–44. What does this teach us about Jesus and his audience?
6. What is one thing the Spirit is prompting you to do or change in light of this passage?

### SCRIPTURE

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

- Isaiah 55:1–3 (ESV)

### PRAYER

- Ask God to reveal areas in our lives where we have sought fulfillment outside of him, and for the grace to turn back to Jesus for true satisfaction.
- Pray that God would grant us the courage and opportunity to share what we are learning about Jesus from John’s Gospel with people in our lives and community.