ARE YOU CLOSE WITH JESUS?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 7:14-54

0	Sermon Notes: John 7:14-54		
2	At the beginning of John 7 (v 1-24), we see that Jesus is absolutely submitted to the Father.		
	a. What does someone who is committed to God's timing, to His will, and to His glory behave like? How is this behavior tied to belief?		
3	In John 7:14-52, close acquaintances, family members, religious leaders, and Jewish people seem very confused about who Jesus is. How do they show their confusion?		
	a. They are also dissatisfied with Jesus. How do they demonstrate this?		
	b. Repeatedly we find that they were fearful. What were they afraid of and how did they act on (or not act on) their fear?		
4	Read John 7:16-18. Jesus describes what true teaching from the Father is.		
	🥟 a. Have you ever been exposed to teaching that seems true but is not from the Father? Have you ever taught unbiblical truths?		
	b. Read 2 Tim. 3:16 and John 16:13. What will correct the teaching that is not from the Father?		
5	When Jesus is described as someone who never studied (v 15), is that a recipe for all spiritual leaders? Should spiritual leaders be uneducated?		
	a. John 7:27, 41-42 describes the spiritual ignorance and laziness of supposedly religious people. Why did they never investigate Jesus' birthplace?		

	b. Have you encountered people who know "a lot" about Jesus but it doesn't match up to actual facts? relationships?	What helps you to explain facts in these	
6	John 7 is a continuation of Jesus' self-declared identity. What do the brothers dislike about Jesus' declared	ration? (v 1-10)	
	a. What do the Jews marvel about regarding his identity? (v 15, 21, 26)		
	b. Throughout the chapter, people are very confused about Jesus' origin and his destination. What do y Jesus' destination? (v 33-36) Why was that a struggle to accept?	oou know about Jesus' origin? What was	
7	Why did Jesus go to the Feast of Booths secretly and then declare himself publicly?		
	a. Look up the Feast of Booths in a Bible Concordance. Consider the tradition of reciting Isaiah 12:3 ar sacrifice. Then in John 7:37, Jesus says, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." What is Jesu today? How does the Holy Spirit tie into this?	nd the priests' offering of the water as a us saying here? What is He still saying	
8	Nicodemus, a ruler who came to Jesus by night in chapter 3 is mentioned again in this chapter (v 50). What is the significance of this mention?		
	a. There are others who are recorded as believing, though not by name (v.31). Is it possible to believe the truth about Jesus while still keeping it a secret? How long can a person be an undercover believer? What will help them to come forward as true believers?	PRAYER REQUESTS	
9	After Jesus rose from the dead, Saul would be confronted with who Jesus really was. "Who are you, Lord?" Paul exclaimed in Acts 9:5. The voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."		
	🥜 a. Prior to this encounter, what did Paul believe about Jesus? What changed Paul's view of God?		
	b. When you were first challenged about who Jesus was, did you experience any confusion or fear? What brought you to accept Christ?		