

FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF JESUS (June 25, 2017)
Speaking Out When Others Try
to Silence You
(John 7:10-50)
Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: What is your favorite holiday? Why?

- In John 7:1-9 who was pressuring Jesus to go to Jerusalem? How did He respond? What Festival was being celebrated?
- What were some of the different opinions as to who people thought Jesus was? (John 7:12, 20, 26, 40, 41, 44)
 - ✓ Some will agree that Jesus is a “good man” but do not believe He is the “God man.” Is this possible? Explain.

Read John 7:10-24

1) Temple Talks.

- Jesus stay out of public view at first (vs. 10) why?
- Why would no one talk about Jesus favorably in public (vs. 13)?
 - o Do you find it difficult to talk about Jesus in public? Tell the group about the last time you did so...how did it go?
- When and where (vs. 14) does Jesus appear and what does He do?
- What was it about Jesus that surprised the people (vs. 15)?
- According to vs. 17, what is the “secret” to knowing the Word of God?
- The religious leaders were upset with Jesus because they accused Him of breaking what law (vs. 23)? How does Jesus point out their inconsistency (vs. 22)?
- Can the Law of Moses save us? What is its purpose (if time permits read Romans 7:7-13)?

Read John 7:25-36

2) Messiah Whisperings

- What surprised the people about Jesus speaking in public (vs. 26)?
- The religious leaders attempted to arrest Him but could not. (vs. 30) Why?
- What was it that caused some to believe he was Messiah (vs. 31)?
- Jesus spoke about going where they could not go (vs. 23-34). Where was He going? What did the Jewish leaders think He meant (vs. 35)?

Read John 7:37-50

3) Jesus Shouts.

- When Jesus presents Himself as the “living water” what was going on in Jerusalem?
- When does a person receive the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)?
- What were the three responses to Jesus’ offer of salvation (vs. 41, 44)?
- One of the members of the council (one of their own) speak up. Who was he and what did he say (vs. 50, 51)? How did they respond (vs. 52)?

CLOSE:

- Who do you believe Jesus is? Liar, lunatic or Lord?
- Does anything surprise you about this passage?
- What one life lesson can you take away?