



BIBLE READING NOTES

water

PREPARE

Today's Bible passage is set during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). It was a time when the people of Israel looked back and remembered God's provision for them when they travelled through the desert of Sinai.

Reflect on what God provides for you and if you do anything to regularly remember that provision.

BIBLE PASSAGE

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. (John 7 vv 37-39a)

1. Studying verse 37, what condition and what action does Jesus say is needed to accept his offer?

Think about how you may explain this to a non-believer e.g. what does it mean to be thirsty? Who can come to Jesus and what does it cost? What does it actually mean to 'come to Jesus'? How can we 'drink' from him in a way that brings satisfaction to our thirst?

2. Water is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Think about what water means to us and its function in our daily life. Using that, consider what the role of the Holy Spirit is in the life of a believer.
3. Looking at verses 38 and 39, make a mental picture of what 'rivers of living water' look like. Look also at John 4 v 14 and John 6 v 35. What is needed for us to enjoy the living water that the Spirit gives in our lives? What happens if we feel dry and parched spiritually?
4. Rivers of living water flow outwards to others from the life of a believer. Ben talked about this looking different for each person according to their gifts and personalities. What might it look like for you personally to touch the lives of others with your unique spiritual gifts in a life-giving way?





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EXPLORE

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

(Ezekiel 36 vv 25 – 27)

What is the role of water in this Old Testament passage? What is the role of the Spirit? Let this verse encourage you as you consider what it may mean for you or someone you are praying for today.

RESPOND

God is the only one who can/will quench our thirst and give us LIFE. We drink from many wells in life but His is the only one that quenches our thirst AND gives us life. Do we want to seek to be satisfied by drinking from all the wells of life - or do we want to find our life in God and in turn, be life-giving?

PRAYER

Abba Father, Your Word promises that whoever believes in You will have rivers of living water flowing from their heart.....I'm thirsty. I long for Your living water to flow in all its fullness through me today and every day You give me on this earth. Holy Spirit, fill me afresh right now. Fill me to overflowing with the fullness of Your peace, presence, love, joy and hope. Just as you ensure a spring is constantly renewed with fresh water to keep it pure and flowing freely, renew me today. Awaken me each day with a deep and abiding desire to meet with You. Give me an unquenchable thirst as I sit at Your feet. Ignite a passion in me for more of You and more of Your Word.

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