How Jesus Quenches Our Thirst May 19, 2019

*John 7:37-52 Series: The Saviour who Frees You*

I thought when I got to where I wanted to be, everything would be different. - Thom Yorke

Intro: What kind of hole exists within us?

1. God has a plan to fill the hole in our lives.
2. The feast celebrated God’s promise to quench our thirst.

v. 37 *On the last day of the feast …*

1. We’ve been thirsty ever since the garden.

Genesis 2:10 *A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.*

Exodus 17:6 *Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.*

Zechariah 14:8 *On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.*

Revelation 22:1-2 *Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne …*

1. Jesus gives water to all who bring their thirst to Him.

v. 37 *Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”*

* When have you experienced spiritual thirst in your life?
* How would a non-Christian come to Jesus and drink?
* How would a Christian come to Jesus and drink?
* How can Christians become spiritually dry?

1. The hole in our lives is actually a pipeline.
2. Jesus’ water flows in AND through us.

v. 38 *‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’*

A clog on either end will hinder the flow.

1. What quenches our thirst is God Himself.

v. 39 *Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive …*

Too often, we look to the wrong things to satisfy us.

* How is the promise of rivers of water within us different than water out of a rock or from a temple?
* Where does the pipeline of God’s Spirit tend to get clogged in your life (i.e. the in-flow or the out-flow)?
* What’s the difference between looking to God to fill us with stuff and looking to God to fill us with Himself?

1. Filling the hole in our lives hinges on faith.
2. God fills those who come to Jesus in faith.

v. 38 *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said …*

v. 39 *the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive*

1. Seeing Jesus as just a good prophet keeps us from true faith.

v. 40 … *some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”*

1. Misinformation about Jesus keeps us from true faith.

v. 41 *But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?*

1. Trusting in religious authorities instead of God’s Word keeps us from true faith.

v. 48 *Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?*

* Have you ever been confused as to whether you had actually received the Spirit? How can you know for certain?
* Was Jesus’ sermon in John 7:37-38 a good gospel presentation? i.e. Why didn’t He explain to people that they were sinners? Why didn’t He tell them that they needed to repent?
* What makes it hard to see the people around you as thirsty?
* Where do you most need prayer in applying this passage?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study John 7:53-8:11

Notes