

Small Group Questions
March 2nd, 2025
Community Serve Day
John 7:25-39

As needed, refer to the [Order of Worship resources](#) for sermon video, message outline, readings and resources, and small group questions print out.

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER (Spend 15-20 minutes sharing about Community Serve Day. You may break up in smaller groups to share as needed)

- Where did you serve on Sunday?
- How has CSD connected you more deeply to the gospel of John and our series “Come and See”?

CONNECT WITH GOD (Use the below practice or choose one from a previous week)

- **Read:** “A Liturgy for When There’s No End In Sight” by Ruth Chou Simons. Enter into an extended time of prayer and stillness. Use this prayer to ground you and posture you towards the Savior, who is your Living Water in desert places.

*O Lord, you made us to thirst for you alone,
and yet, in the desert places of our lives,
we’re prone to believe that something less than
Living Water will do.
No wonder you chose to take your people through,
instead of around, the desert.
How else would we discover that you are enough
when we experience
desolation,
desperation, and desertion?
May I not wander aimlessly in my desert, O Lord.
Give me sustenance from the manna of your Word.
Let me rehearse it, savor it, and return to it
like one who does not forget a satisfying meal.
Use the harshness of my current location, vocation,
or relationships to extricate me from
false gods of comfort, ease, and abundance.
Woo my heart to greater dependency on
the oasis of your care for me.
Amen.*

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

Together: Read John 7:25-39

- Before digging into the scripture and message more, pray together. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate and enlighten, and to speak to each one of you through the passage.
- Alone: Briefly spend time alone, considering John 7:37-39 specifically. Reflect, using one of the below prompts.
 - How have you experienced Jesus as Living Water?
 - What curiosity or questions come up for you?
- As a whole group: Around the circle, share your personal reflections and questions about the passage. Encourage one another to engage curiosity, confusion, or bigger questions.

CONNECT WITH SCRIPTURE if needed, read the passage again. Then select the best questions or customize the questions for your group.

- What invitation and promise does Jesus offer to people in verses 37-38?
- Are there any other passages in the Old or New Testament that help you to connect more intimately with John 7:25-39?
- In what ways has the Jesus you've encountered so far in the Gospel of John challenged the way you understand God, yourself, and the world?
- What parallels, similarities, and differences do you see between the context of the passage and our context today?
- What are you still wrestling with?

ENGAGE AND EXPLORE Together: explore the quote below in connection with John 7 and your experiences from Community Serve Day as people on mission with God.

“Instead of continually seeking God’s will for our lives and communities, we hold the Holy Spirit captive to our desires—our selfish, materialistic desires...{but} the church is called to be the prophetic voice in response to society; that’s what we see in the model Jesus provided. I believe God interrupts us with his love... from the very beginning of God’s movement in the world, God has been interrupting people with his love—disturbing our false peace in order to make real peace possible. Jesus drives a wedge in the status quo to create space for something new. If we have ears to hear, the invitation is open for each of us: come and be a part of the beloved community that God made possible in Jesus Christ.”

-John Perkins, *A Just Passion*

PRAYER

Pray for the sites, ministries, and people that you served on Community Serve Day. Ask God to use CSD to transform your own heart and make room for the new thing God is doing.