

John 7:1-52

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 10



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1. Jesus' brothers urge him to go to Jerusalem and show himself openly. Where do you see this same desire to be widely known at work in the Church today—or in your own life? Is there difference between faithfulness and visibility? When does faith need to be proclaimed, and when might it need to be kept “in secret”?
2. Jesus tells his brothers, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.” What do you think he means? Have you ever felt God’s timing was at odds with your own sense of urgency? How do you discern the difference between faithful patience and avoidance or passivity?
3. In verses 19–24, Jesus challenges the crowd’s inconsistency: “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.” Where in your own life are you tempted to judge by appearances—whether in matters of faith, of other people, or of yourself? What does “right judgement” look like in times of uncertainty?
4. On the last day of the festival, Jesus stands and cries out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.” Compare this with his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). What echoes do you hear? How has your own understanding of what Jesus offers deepened as we have moved through this Gospel together?

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5. The officers sent to arrest Jesus come back empty-handed. Meanwhile, Nicodemus speaks up cautiously among the Pharisees. What do you notice about where Nicodemus is in his journey of faith? Has he changed since we first met him in John 3?
 - a. What does his small act of courage suggest about how faith can grow quietly over time? Is there a place in your life where God may be calling you to a small act of courage—not a dramatic declaration, but a quiet step toward faithfulness?

6. This chapter is full of division: the crowds argue, the authorities disagree, even Jesus' own family does not believe. Yet Jesus continues to teach, to invite, to offer living water. What does it mean to hold firm to the truth of the Gospel in a culture that is deeply divided? How can the Church be a witness to unity in the midst of division?