

REAL

Week 2

9-13-26

John 7:37-39, Matthew 6:25-34

I HAVE ONE JOB!

I. WE TAKE LIFE, AND OURSELVES... TOO SERIOUSLY

- A. We confuse seriousness with significance
- B. When our identity is secure in Christ, we can laugh at ourselves
- C. Things can be important without being anxiety-producing.

II. JOY IS POSSIBLE — EVEN WHEN LIFE IS HARD

- A. Christian joy isn't pretending everything is okay
- B. "Even here, God is good. Even here, God is with me. Even here, God is enough." John 16:33

III. JOY GROWS WHEN TRUST REPLACES CONTROL (Matthew 6:32)

- A. We don't have to know, control, fix, or carry everything
- B. "Your heavenly Father knows what you need."
- C. You don't have to be God. (God already has that job!)

IV. JESUS IS THE SOURCE

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink." (John 7:37)

- A. We go to Jesus first, then He fills us, then we bless others
- B. We don't manufacture a river; we go to the Source

V. WHEN JESUS IS THE SOURCE, WE BECOME A RIVER! (John 7:38)

- A. Jesus doesn't just want to give us joy—He wants to flow through us
- B. We become refreshing and life-giving to the people around us
- C. I HAVE ONE JOB: FOLLOW JESUS.
- D. So this week let's:
 - 1. Laugh a little more.
 - 2. Worry a little less.
 - 3. Trust Jesus a little more deeply.