



SMALL GROUP LEADER

WATER

SCRIPTURE READING: John 7:37-39

Group leaders should:

- "Set the table" for interaction and group discussion by (4 minutes):
 - explaining the idea of the week's theme
 - the context of the main passage(s) to be discussed
- Debrief from weekly reading (8-10 minutes)
- Facilitating, Discipling, Guiding, Shepherding (30 minutes)

Leader Discussion Prep

Our theme today is water. We are going to be looking at how water helps us to understand Jesus, salvation, and the story of the Bible. All of us are connected to and dependent upon water. Our bodies and our planet are made up largely of water. Plants cannot grow and life cannot survive without water. All of us use water every day for all kinds of reasons- drinking, cleaning, travel, watering of crops, etc. The earth was created in water. Baptism, the outward expression of saving faith, involves submersion in water. Last week we learned together that the river coming up out of Eden was intended to water the entire earth resulting in a world full of life and plenty. We saw that God's chosen people were rescued through water in the Exodus. We remembered that Jesus inaugurated His kingdom ministry with baptism. In John 4, Jesus tells the shamed woman that He possesses the water of life. In Revelation 22, the bible brings its story to a close with a river flowing out from the throne (rule) of God to water God's new world and provide God's people all that they need.

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Small Group Questions:

Small group exercise: Reflect upon the coolest, most refreshing drink of water you have ever enjoyed. Share a story with the group.

- 1. Verse 37... What do you think Jesus means when he says come to me and drink?**
- 2. Verse 38... What does it feel like for rivers of living water to flow from your heart?**
- 3. Verse 39... What do you need to do this week so that the Spirit is flowing out of you like rivers of living water?**
- 4. What is the impact on the world/wilderness around us?**

Exercise

- 1. After question 3 ask the members of your group to write down their obedience plan for the coming week. Ask them to share with the person sitting beside them or with their table what they wrote on their paper.**
- 2. Ask everyone to get into small groups and draw out their insights from this week on an empty 3 Circles framework.**