

## Sermon Outline

### The Gospel According to John, Part 14 (John 7:25-52)

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**Main Idea:** This week Robin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at Jesus' profound and life-giving invitation to believe in him followed by his promise that for everyone who believes, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

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1. Much Muttering (v 12-13)
2. Division and Confusion (v 27-43)
3. High Stakes (v 19b-30)
4. Jesus Cries Out (v 37-39)
5. The Aftermath (v 45-52)

#### Key Text/Quotes:

*"On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."*

John 7:37-39

"Jesus causes problems. He causes divisions. That's because when Jesus Christ comes he doesn't take sides, he takes over. He is Lord... To stand with Jesus can cost you. Berated, dissed, dismissed. In some parts of the world it can get you killed. And what do you get? Rivers of living water flowing from your heart. Life, everlasting life, abundant life, eternally safe and secure." Robin

#### Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 7:25-52 and open in prayer.
2. Though today's passage was written about events almost 2,000 years ago, their relevance and repetition throughout every generation are unquestionable. Discuss what it is about Jesus, his teaching, and his invitation to eternal life through faith in him that causes such division in the heart of every person.
3. Reflect and share about your transformation from an opponent of Jesus to a disciple and child of God. What did life look like before and after you found life in Jesus?
4. At times, we are tempted to define "life"—and what it should look like—in ways that Jesus never promised to his followers. Whether it's good health, increased wealth, relationships with family, friends or co-workers, these good and important things are not guaranteed by the Savior. How does Jesus (and the Bible itself) define "life" in Jesus's name?
5. Close your time in prayer together, thanking Jesus for life and asking for a fresh impartation of the Spirit's power to know, love, and serve the Lord.

