

## **Turning Tide** (John 7)

The tide is turning. Our culture is changing. Public opinion about Jesus and those who follow him is perhaps at an all-time low. And yet, in the midst of rising opposition, Jesus remains the source of life and the answer we are all looking for. He offers himself freely and fully. For those who are weary of this world, Jesus refreshes and renews.

### **1. Turning Tide** (1-36)

- Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:33-44
- Jesus remains who He is, regardless of what culture says.

### **2. Living Water** (37-52)

- John 4:14
- Isaiah 44:3; 55:1; 58:11
- Jesus is the refreshment we need, whether we recognize it or not.
- God is pushing back the darkness, and in one life at a time the tide is turning.

**QUESTIONS** (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. What are some of the views that people have of Jesus?
2. Have you seen public opinion about Jesus shift over your lifetime? Consider media as one example.
3. What about the public opinion of Christians and The Church? How has that changed? (consider how Christians have contributed to that...)
4. The world around us has an appearance of life and vitality, but without Jesus life is a desert, a mirage. Talk about how you have seen this to be true or experienced the desert outside of following Jesus.
5. Talk about a time where you were dry and Jesus refreshed your soul. (Share if you are in a dry place right now and feel comfortable saying so.)
6. It is not an accident that God has us living in this place and time. What do you see in John 7 that can give you confidence that God is in control and he is still changing people's lives with Jesus.
7. What are some ways we can live as Christ-followers in a world where the story of Jesus is less and less palatable?