

Sermon-based Growth Group
“Rivers of Living Water”
John 7:40-52
Questions
November 6, 2022

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

- 1. What is the true difficulty that people then and more have with accepting Jesus as the messiah?**
- 2. Why was Jesus being from Galilee a problem for those who questioned whether he was the messiah?**
 - a. Why isn’t that actually a problem?**
 - b. What does that tell us about how we should be determining whether someone or something is from God?**
- 3. When John the Baptist questions whether Jesus is the messiah, what does Jesus tell us the criteria is for the messiah (see John 11:2-6)?**
 - a. How can we apply that to our interactions with God?**
- 4. How do the officers respond to experiencing Jesus (verse 46)?**
 - a. What were they supposed to do that they didn’t do (verse 45)?**
- 5. Why weren’t their leaders affected by Jesus’s teaching (verses 48 and 49)?**
 - a. How can we make sure that we are affected by Jesus’s words?**
- 6. What criteria do the leaders have for judging Jesus?**

- a. What is the problem with their “law?”
 - b. How does the leaders’ belief in their understanding of the law affect their behavior?
 - c. What happens to our understanding of the law in the presence of Jesus?
7. Why was Nicodemus’s response different?
- a. So, what happens when you combine your relationship with Jesus with scripture (verse 51)?