

## “Thirsty?”

*A Personal or Small Group Experience*

The Bread of Life “I AM” statement really uses the eating metaphor to drive home Jesus’ point that relationship with Him is not something to be kept at arms length but rather a relationship that is more deeply internalizing than any other. Jesus in fact comes uncomfortably close by truly “in dwelling” us as He pushes this metaphor beyond limits. This is important to Him. He really wants us to “get” this. To supplement the “eating” of Him into ourselves He alludes to the idea of “drinking” and having “thirst” to drive His point home. **Take a look at John 6: 35** again. Investigating and receiving all that God has for us inside this metaphor of ‘drinking’ is the point of this study.

Jesus will play on the “thirstiness of our souls” in John 7. Thirst is a great way to describe the needs of our spiritual condition and having that thirst completely satisfied by Christ is a palpable invitation to connection with God that we can almost taste. As I am writing this I am noticing that I am actually thirsty!  
(Wait a second I am going to get a drink!.....There that’s better!)

**Go ahead and read John 7:1-44.** This provides the context for Jesus’ key statement in verses 37-39. Verses 1-36 really describe the encounter Jesus had with the religious leaders over the same old topics— “Does Jesus have authority to say what He says and claim what He claims?”

Enjoy these verses as you allow them to paint a picture of Jesus for you! Pick at least five different adjectives to describe the Jesus you see in action in vs. 1-36 and then share and discuss them in the group.

**Now move to vs. 38-39.** Read them a couple of times. Notice that Jesus invites us to drink from Him but then promises that when He is in us living water will flow from “ within” us out to the world. Work through and discuss these verses noting how John provides the helpful information in vs.39 he knew we would need to understand Jesus’ words.

It says that Jesus said these words on the ‘greatest day of the feast’. On this day in the temple a unique ceremonial exercise was happening even as Jesus was speaking outside. Water was being poured onto the altar in an effort to jump start a promised flow of “living water” recorded in Ezekiel 47.

**As you read Ezekiel 47:1-12** notice the power of the water that would flow from the temple and then return to Jesus words in John 7:37-38.

What is Jesus saying?

The people were looking for the “living water” that would flow from a physical temple— Is Jesus saying that He is the “temple of God” - the “presence of God and the giver of living water”?

What is He promising will happen to all who receive Him as living water?

Enjoy!

# “I Am.... The Bread of Life”

## “Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

## *Scripture & Meditation Guide - February 21- February 26*

### Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.  
Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”  
“How are You inviting me to respond?”
- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!  
*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday:** John 6:25-40

**Tuesday:** John 6:41-51

**Wednesday:** John 6:52-59

**Thursday:** John 6:60-71

**Friday:** John 7:25-32

**Saturday:** John 7:33-44 especially vs. 37-39