

# “Thirst and Living Water” Group Study

Signs of Life: **Week 10**

Passage: John 7:32-52

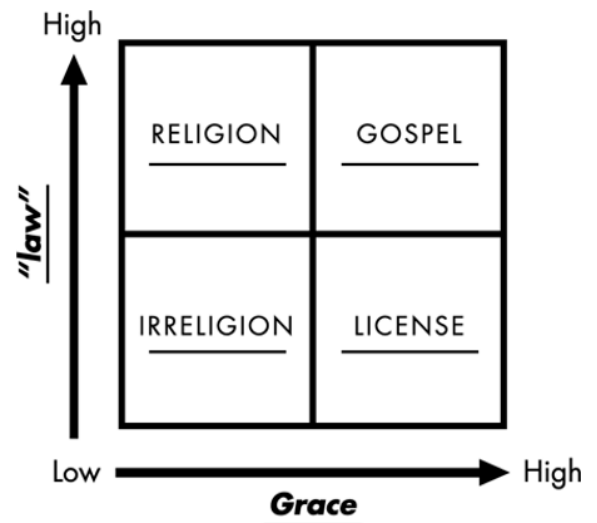
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## ICEBREAKER:

1. What do you want? What do you really thirst for? Take a few minutes to think about what you really want at the bottom of your soul.

As a way to get into the study, try to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

1. “If anyone is thirsty...”
  - a. **What** do you **want**? Why?
  - b. Are you **satisfied**?
2. “...Come to me and drink”
  - a. It’s not **what** you want, but **who** do you want.
  - b. **Become** like me.
  - c. It’s also what Jesus wants **for you**.
  - d. Root yourself in **the gospel**, not **its counterfeits**.
3. “Believe,” and “Streams of living water will flow...”



## Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

2. Read John 7:32-36. Why would Jesus say, “Where I am you cannot come”? Think about it... haven't we been taught that the goal of life to get to heaven? Maybe that wasn't Jesus' primary goal for us. How would you describe Jesus' primary goal for followers of Jesus (Hint: keep reading)?
3. Read John 7:37-39. How can someone who “thirsts,” become someone who's heart overflows the “living water”? What is the simple invitation that Jesus gives in this passage?

4. Read John 7:40-52. Look at the three different statements that the people made about Jesus (vs.40-42), then compare them to the simple observation of the officers (vs.46). What did the officers see that the Pharisees could not? Why couldn't they see Jesus for who he really is?



### **Develop the Heart of Jesus**

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

5. Consider Jesus' words spoken directly to you, "...come to me and drink." What is Jesus saying about how we find true fulfillment? How do you "drink" Jesus?
6. Take a look at the 2x2 diagram that Dr. Geoff presented (above). In which quadrant do you relate to most? Which quadrant were you raised in? How can we be people who move toward the Gospel quadrant?
7. Take a few minutes and reflect on this quote by Tim Keller: "The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe... Yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."



### **Live on Mission with Jesus**

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

8. What is the step that you need to take in order to come to Jesus and drink?
9. What is something that you could do in order to create curiosity (or encourage thirst) about Jesus in others around you?