

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

Jesus had twelve close followers with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe this is the normal context in which we are to grow in Christ. That's why we strongly encourage you to find at least one other person as you consider the following questions. Read the passages out loud and discuss them. When you speak, be very honest. This requires vulnerability, but God will use such trust in life-changing ways. If you would like to join a CARE Group, please contact any of our pastors or fill out a green Connection Card and drop it in a Communications Box.

STARTER QUESTION

What will the highlight of your week be? What level of passion do you feel when you think of that situation?

BIBLE QUESTIONS

Read John 7:37-38. Why do you think Jesus specifically invited those who were thirsty? What do you suppose they were thirsty for? How would a person come to Jesus and "drink?" How is faith involved in this process? Faith in what specifically? What does this faith do to the inner life of a person who believes in Jesus?

Read John 7:39. What did Jesus mean by "streams of living water?" Why do you think He used that expression? When would the disciples receive this "water?" What was the delay?

Read John 7:40-44. What were the various reactions to these promises Jesus made? Why do you think the people responded in these ways?

LIFE QUESTIONS

Describe the season of your life when you experienced the most passionate conviction to be close to God as a Person and to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

How would you describe the intensity of your affection for the Lord right now? (High – Medium – Low) Explain. How much is the Holy Spirit flowing like "streams of living water" into the life of those around you?

When no one else is around, how expressive are you in your relationship with the Lord? Do you talk to Him? Do you sing to Him? Do you argue with Him? Do you listen for Him?

Romans 12:11 says, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor..."

What is keeping your spiritual intensity alive? What do you do to continually increase your thirst for the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? What gets in the way of this effort?

Name a specific moment this week that you hope to turn your attention and affection to the Lord, so that your thirst for Him will increase. (See Psalm 37:4) Pray for each other about this.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

