

## **Small Group Questions – August 22**

### **Read John 7:1-2, 11-24, 37-44**

1. John 7 is an extension of the Passover controversy in chapter 6 when Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven. John 7 is when Jesus will claim to be the living water of heaven during the Feast of Booths. How does both Jesus' claims to be the bread and the water of heaven coincide with each other?
2. In verse 17, Jesus challenges His inquirers and even those who were skeptical of His teachings to test God's will for themselves. New Testament scholar, D. A. Carson, wrote that divine revelation can only be assessed from the inside. How could we personally "step into" the will of God and begin to test it for ourselves?
3. One of the main themes of the Feast of Booths is God's provision of water to Israel during their 40-year wandering. In this festal backdrop, Jesus declared in verse 37 that He is the water of heaven. How have you personally experienced Jesus' offer to drink of His living water? And if you have not, how would you imagine the experience could be for yourself?
4. In verses 38-39, Jesus promised that whoever believes in Him will flow rivers of living water from within them, that is, the Holy Spirit. How does Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit overflowing and spilling over out of our lives transform the way we live our faith in Toronto?