

Small Group Lesson
"Seven: Thirsty" Week 4

For the Leader: We are a thirsty people living in a thirsty world, and it has nothing to do with water. We seek all sorts of quenching to resolve the deep thirst of our souls. Take heart, while hanging on the cross, even Jesus was thirsty. Jesus request speaks to the deepest thirst of our soul

Leaders Note: Consider having a variety of childhood favorite beverages for members to sample as everyone arrives. (Capri Sun, Hi C, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Big Red, Chocolate Milk, Lemonade etc.) Make it a fun experience.

Suggested Group Check In: What was your favorite beverage as a child and a favorite "thirst" story connected to that beverage?

Opening Prayer:

Memory Verse: "I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his suffering, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection of the dead." Philippians 3:10

WATCH THE VIDEO (Time – 10.5 Minutes)

Scripture Readings and Questions:

John 19:28-29

- "Forgiveness," "Today," "Yours," "Forsaken" and "Thirsty," which of these words can you most relate to and why? See message notes as needed.
- How has your understanding of Jesus' experience on the cross changed during this series? How has this change impacted your understanding of who God is?

John 7:14-39 (Read first question before reading the text out loud. Consider taking turns letting group members read)

- What part of this passage most gets your attention? Why?
- Spiritual dehydration can result in us demonstrating less than desirable behaviors and attitudes. What might others say are the signs that you are spiritually dehydrated?
- What does water do for our bodies? What water does for the body, Jesus does for our hearts, minds and souls. What do you need Jesus to do in your heart, mind and soul today or where do you thirst?
- Religion pacifies, Jesus satisfies. Church activities might ease a thirst but only Jesus can quench. Share with the group how (spiritual disciplines) you are allowing Jesus to quench your spiritual thirst.

Wrap Up: Only two weeks left. Make sure you are discussing Maundy Thursday Plans. See last week's small group lesson. If a new group, good time to begin discussing post Easter plans. Please remind the group to be inviting their friends to church and let them know we could use their help hosting Easter if they are not already serving. They can go to the Next Steps tables any weekend to learn more.

Closing Prayer

