SERIES: Gospel of John Rivers From the Heart

John 7:37-39

The Greatest Invitation (7:37)

- "Anyone"
 - This invitation is universal.
 - This invitation extends across all **nations**. (Acts 2:9-10)
 - This invitation extends across all **generations**. (John 17:20)
 - This invitation is **conditional**.
- "Thirsts"
 - Do you sense your <u>need</u> for God?
 - o Are you overwhelmed with your guilt?
 - o Are you longing for salvation?
 - Are you looking for forgiveness of sin?
 - No one will ever be <u>converted</u> to Christ until they are thirsty.
- "Come to Me"
 - Jesus does not have what our souls need.
 - Jesus <u>is</u> what our souls need.
- "Drink"
 - You cannot pay for it with money because it is free. (Isaiah 55:1)
 - You cannot earn it with **morality** because it is received by faith.

The Gospel Implications (7:38)

- If we come to drink from Christ, we will be **satisfied** in Him.
 - The Spirit flows in us through **faith**.
- If we come to drink from Christ, we will be **satisfying** to others.
 - The Spirit flows out of us through **love**.

The Glorious Inspiration (7:39)

- The Holy Spirit would be given in greater fullness after Jesus had ascended back to Heaven.
 - o Once Jesus was with us as a man.
 - Now Jesus is in us by his Spirit.
- If you don't find life **before** death, you can't find life **after** death.
 - Come <u>thirsty</u>. Realize your sin against God and your deep need for Jesus.
 - o Drink **deeply**. Turn from your sin by believing and embracing Jesus by faith.
 - Live **eternally**. Receive the forgiveness of sins and inherit everlasting life.

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