

Study #19

John 7:1-24 (ESV)

7 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. **2** Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. **3** So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. **4** For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." **5** For not even his brothers believed in him. **6** Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. **7** The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. **8** You go up to the feast. I am not[going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." **9** After saying this, he remained in Galilee. **10** But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. **11** The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" **12** And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." **13** Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

14 About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. **15** The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" **16** So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. **17** If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. **18** The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. **19** Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" **20** The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" **21** Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. **22** Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **23** If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? **24** Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Study Questions

Introduction

Timeline

Feast of Booths

Jesus and His Brothers

Read verses 7-9

Why was Jesus still in Galilee?

2. In this passage, circle the names of Jesus's brothers.

Matt:13: 55 - Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

3. In verses 2 - 5, why did Jesus' brothers want him to go Jerusalem with them?

4. In verses 6 and 7, Jesus talks about "his time" and "his brother's time". How are the times different?

5. What does Jesus mean when he says to his brothers "your time is always here" and "The world cannot hate you" ?

Discuss with your group how you respond when someone asks you what you think about Jesus.

Jesus Arrives at the Festival

Read verses 11 - 13.

Why did Jesus go to the festival privately?

2. Who was looking for Jesus and why? (refer to verse 1)

3. People were still talking about Jesus and his miracles. What were they saying? How does this relate to what people's opinions of Jesus are today?

Discuss in your group how we, as Christians, can help to change people's perception of Christ.

Jesus Teaches in the Temple

Read verses 14 - 18.

1. Discuss in your group, why the Jews "marveled" at Jesus' teaching.

2. What three truths was Jesus teaching in these verses?

He has authority to teach because the teaching comes from _____. (16)

Those who seek the _____ of _____ will recognize the teaching is _____ . (17)

Those who speak on their own _____ only bring glory to _____ and _____. (18)

1. In verses 19-21, what question did Jesus ask, and what was the crowd's response?

2. Jesus recalls the miracle that started the persecution of Him by the Jewish authorities.

John **5:5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" **7** The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." **8** Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

3. Who are the "fathers" in verse 22?

4. What hypocrisy is Jesus pointing out in verses 19-24? Summarize verse 23 in your own words.

3. As a group, reflect on what Jesus was saying about circumcision on the Sabbath, and the healing he did on the Sabbath, how is "judging by appearances" different from judging with "right judgement"?

Application

Which truth from today's lesson can you apply in your walk with Jesus?
Share with your group.

