COME TO JESUS AND DRINK John 7:25-52 Key Verse: 7:37

1. Read verses 25-31. How did people begin to respond to Jesus' public teaching in the temple courts? (14) Why did some say that he is the Christ and other say that he is not? What did he say about himself? Why did they try to seize him and why could they not?

2. Read verses 32-36. Who sent temple guards to arrest him and why? What did Jesus say? What did he mean? What did the Jews think he meant?

3. Read verses 37-38. What invitation did Jesus give on the last day of the feast? Who is he that he could make such an offer? To whom was his invitation given? What does it mean to be thirsty? (Compare Isaiah 55:1-3)

4. What does Jesus promise to those who come to him and drink? Upon what did he base his promise? What did Jesus mean by this promise? How does Jesus satisfy the spiritual thirst of those who come to him?

5. Read verse 39. Why had the Spirit not yet been given? When and how would this promise be fulfilled? Why? To whom is the Spirit given?

6. Read verses 40-52. What was the divided opinion about Jesus? Why did some believe and some reject? Why did the guards not arrest Jesus? How and why did the Pharisees rebuke them? What was Nicodemus' suggestion? How had he

changed since chapter 3? What was the response to this suggestion? What can we learn here?