



BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) AGENDA

TOPIC: John 7

BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) MEETING ...

Pray: For your group leaders and for others in your BBG. Also remember to pray for the ministry team at the Biker Bible Institute.

Read: John 7

Focus: On the story of the divided opinions over who Jesus really was (John 7:25-44):

25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? **26** Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah? **27** But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, **29** but I know him because I am from him and he sent me."

30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. **31** Still, many in the crowd believed in him. They said, "When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man?"

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

33 Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. **34** You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks,

and teach the Greeks? **36** What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come’?”

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

41 Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? **42** Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” **43** Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. **44** Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

Review: The Supporting Scripture passages below:

- [Deuteronomy 16:13, NIV] **13** Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress.
- [Neh 8:14-18, NIV] **14** They found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in temporary shelters during the festival of the seventh month **15** and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: “Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make temporary shelters”—as it is written.

16 So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves temporary shelters on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim. **17** The whole company that had returned from exile built temporary shelters and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.

18 Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

- [Matt 13:54-56, NIV] **54** Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. **55** “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? **56** Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”
- [Acts 1:4, NIV] **4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.”
- [Ps 69:8, NIV] **8** I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children
- [Lev 23:29, NIV] **29** Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people.

Reflect: Each Support Scripture passage was selected because it connects to something that is going on in the Focal (Focus) Scripture passage. Reflect on possible connections and pray about deeper meanings for this special story.

AT THE BBG MEETING ...

Social: Start with fellowship. If possible, set aside 30-60 minutes for a meal together or heavy snacks in someone's home. Enjoy being friends together!

Pray: Open together with prayer. Remember to pray for needs in your community.

Read: The Focal Scripture (John 7:38).

Talk: Talk about the Focal Scripture.

- What was going on? What are the key points of the story?
- Did anything stand out in this passage?
- What would someone remember after reading it?

Talk: About the questions for this session.

Observation

- What is (are) the central thought(s) in John 7?
- Are there any words or ideas that keep coming up in the passage?
- Who is (are) the main characters in the passage?

Interpretation

- What do you think this Scripture passage meant to the early church?
- What was the writer trying to tell the world about Jesus?
- Are there any eternal truths for us in this passage? Explain.

Application

- How might this passage apply to us today?
- Does this passage speak to any needs or problems in modern society?
- Is there any part of this passage we could turn into a prayer?

Reflect: Standard Discipleship Questions: "Based on what we read and talked about..."

- "What should I start doing in my life?"
- "What should I stop doing in my life?"
- "What should I change in my life?"

Look: Ahead to the next BBG session (John 8).

Pray: For each other, your community and your leaders, the BBI ministry team, and the peace of Jerusalem.

AFTER THE BBG MEETING ...

Act: On your insights from the “Discipleship Questions.” Pray about ways you might start, stop, or change doing something in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Invite: Someone new to your next BBG group.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who ride (*walk*) on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. (Isa 35:8, NIV)

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