



## ***That you may believe...*** **Study Lesson Week 7**

**This week's title:** Reactions to the Son of God: Skepticism and Confrontation - **John 7:1-52, John 8:12-59**  
**Highlighted verses:** *"Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."*  
**John 7: 37-38**

### **Day 1: Read John 7:1-52 and John 8:12-59**

Continuing from the previous study hint, in week 5, we need to break down our studying into steps that allow us to eventually apply a principle to our lives and take action on it. All Bible study methods have the same four basic stages: *Read, Understand, Comprehend, and Apply*. At the *Read* stage we answer the question "What does this say?" This is what we will focus on here. As we *read*, you might try to identify the *people, places, and the theme(s)*. **For identifying people, ask these kinds of questions:** Who are all the people in the passage? How are these people like people of my world? What characteristics in myself do I see represented in these people? **To identify the place(s), ask these kinds of questions:** What is the setting of this passage? What are significant details in the history, culture, and geography? (A good Bible Dictionary helps with these questions). **To determine the theme, ask these kinds of questions:** How does the passage relate to previous passages? What is the flow of thought that connects this passages to what came before it? What is happening in this passage? Are there conflicts, tensions, positive experiences, and if so, what are they? What would I have done in this situation? These are some questions to help you answer the main question, "What does this say?" as you *read*. The next helpful hints for *understanding* the passage.

1. **Read John 7:1-52 and 8:12-59** at least once, jotting down initial observations.

### **Day 2: Read John 7: 25-52**

1. What impresses you about Jesus' offer in **7:37-39**? (Other references: **Jer.2:13, Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 55:1, Rev. 22:17**) Why do you think Jesus spoke in a loud voice?

2. **Chapter 7** describes both skepticism and confrontation. Describe people's reactions to Jesus in verses **7:40-49**.

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### Day 3: Read John 8:12-59

This day is looking at two claims of Jesus and reactions to His statements.

1. What did Jesus claim in **8:23-24**? How does our contemporary culture react to this claim?
  
2. What did Jesus claim in **8:58-59**? Why did people react so strongly to this claim?

### Day 4: Read John 20:31

Consider how **John 7:25-52** and **8:12-59** relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. "...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (**John 20:31**).

1. John's purpose in writing this Gospel is that people may believe. Why do you think he includes examples of people who did not believe?
  
2. In what ways have this week's passages helped you see Jesus more clearly as the Son of God?

### Day 5: Read John 7:25-52 and 8:12-59

1. In these passages we see people asking Jesus questions. As we interact with people that are not believers we should be sensitive to questions and look for opportunities to share the Gospel. Can you think of an example when you experienced unbelievers asking questions that provided an opportunity to share the Gospel? Describe a question you have heard and write a response that shares the Gospel.
  
2. Concerning those who believe, Jesus states, "*Streams of living water will flow from within him*". Do you have these streams of living water? If not, is this because you do not really believe or is this because you are not realizing who you truly are in Christ? In either case, please explain your response.