

Sermon Listening Guide (July 12, 2026)

Scripture: John 7:1-39

Sermon Title: “Rivers of Living Water”

First Thoughts

Following the “Feeding of the 5,000” Jesus has an encounter with his siblings. The popularity of Jesus begins to dip in John 6 and 7.

Who is Jesus?

Mary was with Jesus from cradle to cross and even his ascension to heaven. Scripture teaches that Jesus had brothers and sisters who were blood related. John 7 shows relatives and critics of Jesus with a host of opinions about him. Jesus knows the people are angered because he points out their wickedness.

A Note on Time

Jesus mentions to his siblings that he has his own timetable that is not influenced by them.

Our view of time is nothing like God’s view of time.

God’s view of time should give us confidence in his Word and his instructions.

Anyone Who is Thirsty

In verses 37-39 Jesus reminds us that he is “Living Water.” (See John 4)

He quenches spiritual thirst for all eternity.

Anyone is invited to drink this heavenly water.

Those with dry spiritual lives would do well to drink of Jesus.

Rivers of Living Water

What does Jesus mean when he says believers have rivers of living water flowing from within them?

Verse 38 is a reference to the Holy Spirit taking up residence in men and women who are believers.

As a community of believers, how does FIFBC share “Living Water” with the world?

How are you sharing “Living Water” with your community?

Final Thoughts

Inwardly focused churches are not sharing Jesus with a world that is spiritually thirsty. As we drink, let the “Living Water” splash into the world around us.