

JOHN 7 REFLECTION GUIDE

1. Who was the daredevil in your family, the wild one who would try anything?
2. Did a brother, sister or friend ever dare you to do something dangerous? What happened?
3. Why did Jesus' brothers want him to go to Jerusalem? Was their counsel wise? Why or why not?
4. Compare Jesus' response to his brothers (vv. 6-8) with his response to his mother (John 2.4). What do these responses tell you about Jesus?
5. Were there any rules at school that you thought were silly? Did you ever break them?
6. How did Jesus defend his actions of healing on the Sabbath (vv. 21-24)?
7. Why did some of the people in Jerusalem reject the claim that Jesus was the Messiah (vv. 26-27)? Do some people today still judge a person on this same basis?

8. Why didn't Jesus' opponents succeed in seizing him (v. 30)?
9. What were some people in the crowd beginning to ask (v. 31)?
How did that sit with the religious authorities?
10. How did the religious leaders interpret Jesus' comment about going away to a place they could not go (vv. 35-6)?
11. What promise did Jesus make to those who believe in him (vv. 37-38)?
12. How would you describe the "streams of living water" in your life right now? A gusher? A stream? A trickle?
13. Why didn't the temple guards arrest Jesus (vv.45-6)?
14. What did Nicodemus have to say about the whole affair (v.50)?
Do you see any growth in Nicodemus since his first encounter with Jesus in chapter 3?
15. Have you seen any growth in your own Christian witness?