

John 7:1-8:11 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In John 7:19-24 of what did Jesus accuse the Jews (v19) and how did they react (v20)? How did He defend His statement (v21, 22-23, 24)?

5. From John 7:25-30 what surprised some of the people (v25-26), what did they wonder (v26), and what question was raised (v27)? What was Jesus' reply and one result (v28-29, 30)?

6. Using John 7:31-36 what was another response to Jesus (v31), how did the Pharisees react (v32), and what did Jesus' reply mean (v33-34)? What question did this raise (v35-36)?

7. Read John 7:37-39. What did Jesus declare (v37-38) and when (v37)? What was He promising (v37, 38) and how would this be fulfilled (v39)? Explain.

8. In John 7:40-53 identify the reactions to Jesus (v40, 41-43, 44). How did the officers respond and why (v45-46), and what was the Pharisees' (v47-49, 52) and Nicodemus' (v50-51) response?

9. Looking at John 8:1-6 what was Jesus doing (v1-2) and what occurred as He did (v3)? What question was posed to Jesus (v4-5) and why (v6)?

10. Based on John 8:6-11 how did Jesus handle this "dilemma" at first (v6)? What did they do (v7) and how did He respond (v7-8)? What resulted (v9, 10-11) and what can we learn?

11. Review Jesus' agenda in relation to the Feast—why He waited to go, what His teachings were about, who He resisted, and who He restored. What can we learn from this?

Scripture to Remember

"If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself."

John 7:17 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Joy (Gal 5:22; Rom 5:1-5)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group where you are—on a scale of 1 to 10 how joyful are you? What do you consider the relationship between joy and happiness to be?
2. Discuss the meaning of joy—"the positive confidence and security I experience from having a right relationship with God and others around me."
3. The great joy killer is inner hurt and pain—do you agree? According to Rom 5:1 the first step to overcoming this is justification (cleansing). Why?
4. Talk about the 3 kinds of sin that cause this—personal, others', and a fallen world. How well do you apply the solution to these—confession, forgiveness, and not blaming God?
5. Which of the 3 reasons that fear kills our joy—being defensive, distant, or demanding—can you relate to the most? How do you develop hope that solves this?
6. Why does selfishness kill joy? Discuss the difference between serving others to overcome this, and serving Christ by serving others.
7. Review the 3 ways to develop joy—cleansing, confidence, and commitment to Christ. Which one do you need to work on most? Pray for each other in this area.



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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The theme song for the 1977 movie, Saturday Night Fever, "Stayin' Alive", illustrated the approach that many take to everyday life. Just "stayin' alive" is the best life can be. In this week's study, though, Jesus shows that when He is involved being truly alive is no problem. The setting was the annual Feast of the Tabernacles, which joyfully celebrated God's provision for Israel in the wilderness. Jesus, nearing the end of His earthly life and facing hostility from the Jewish leaders, went to the Feast to teach, partly to overcome confusion over His identity. His brothers had sarcastically told Him to go and show off His miracles, but He refused at first. Then, He went, with many expecting Him, although confused over His identity. He told them that the key to

knowing who He was whether one was willing to do God's will. He then revealed that they were trying to kill Him because He had healed on the Sabbath; they denied this, even though it was true. He was "stayin' alive", though, because His hour had not come. Next, Jesus showed that stayin' alive meant obeying one's true thirst. The crowds wondered if the leaders really did know that He was the Messiah for whom they were both looking. The leaders were trying to seize Him, but He told them that He would be with them a little longer, and then where He was going they could not follow. They would not be able to exert their evil will over Him yet, a fact that bothered them greatly. Jesus, though, continued to offer life. On the last day of the Feast, which recalled God's provision of wa-



Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

ter in the wilderness, Jesus cried out that He would quench their true thirst with living water, that of the Holy Spirit. This convinced many of His identity, but others were unsure, and the leaders definitely did not believe. In fact the next section presents Jesus opposing their hypocrisy as they tried to trap Him with a woman caught in adultery. Jesus didn't play into their hands, though. Rather, they were trapped by their sin, the woman was forgiven, and encouraged to sin no more. Because she was involved with Jesus, she, too, was stayin' alive.

Study Questions for John 7:1-8:11

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read John 7:1-9. What did Jesus' brothers tell Him (v1-3) and why (v4)? What was their attitude (v5)? What was Jesus' response (v6-8, 9) and what did He mean?	
2. Using John 7:10-13 how did Jesus go to the Feast after His brothers left (v10)? Why do you think He did? What were the attitudes towards Him at the feast (v11, 12, 13)?	
3. From John 7:14-18 what did Jesus do at the Feast (v14) and what was the reaction (v15)? What did Jesus tell them (v16-18) and what did this mean? How can we apply v17?	

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