

Big idea: Seeking to satisfy your spiritual thirst with something or someone other than Christ, is to seek in vain. Only he can satisfy.

I. The setting

A. The PLACE - Temple

B. The TIME – Last day of the feast

C. The ACTIVITY – remembering the time in the wilderness

II. Jesus' climactic appeal

A. Jesus' INVITATION vs. 37-38

1. An UNUSUAL beginning v. 37a

- Jesus **STANDS** and Jesus **SHOUTS**

- Jesus is claiming to be the **FULFILLMENT** of the feast

2. A NECESSARY response v. 37b

- Recognize your **NEED**

- Come to the **SOURCE**

3. An AMAZING result v. 38

- What **SCRIPTURE**?

- **Who's in VIEW?**

- **What's the PICTURE?**

B. John's EXPLANATION v. 39

1. The SYMBOL of water is the Holy Spirit

2. The promise looks to the FUTURE

C. Response of the PEOPLE vs. 40-52

1. Mixed response within the CROWD vs. 40-44

2. Mixed response of JEWISH LEADERS vs. 45-52

- Temple guards are AWESTRUCK vs. 45-46

- Pharisees are INCREDULOUS vs. 47-49

- Nicodemus takes another STEP vs. 50-52

3. A SAD summary v. 53

III. What we take away... Just as Jesus caused division in his day, so Jesus and the gospel cause division today. Share about Jesus and the gospel anyway. Leave the results to God.