

SERMON GUIDE

CHRIST AND THE WORLD

John 7:1-17

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Pray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: HGetting to Know Me: Has your relationship with Jesus ever created tension in family relationships? How have you processed that?

Note About the Passage: The Jewish "Feast of Booths" is one of the three festivals mentioned in the books of Moses. The festival commemorates the 40 years that Israel spent wandering in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. During this time, Israel lived in temporary shelters, or booths. Jews would remember that period in history by eating, sleeping and spending time in temporary shelters around Jerusalem. There was also a daily ceremony at the Temple that was accompanied by great joy, music, and dancing.

The Temple was in Jerusalem which was in the region of Judea. Jews from Galilee would travel to Judea and the Temple to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Read John 7:1-17

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** When Jesus says "my time has not yet come" he is referring to his time to be crucified. What distinction does Jesus make between his time and his brother's time? Why is he saying it is fitting for his brothers to go to Judea but not himself?
- O** What do verses 3-13 teach us about world's fears, dislikes and hatred? How do you see Jesus' brothers (v.3-5) and the crowds in Jerusalem (v.11-13) dealing with those things?
 - Do you think Jesus ever felt lonely in situations like this? Why or why not?
 - Why do you think a life focused on eternity and serving God create this kind of criticism?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Following Jesus will require us to be both attractive and challenging to the world around us instead of just fitting in. What do courage, compassion, patience and wisdom look like in situations like this? Is there any specific situation that you're in right now that feels like the situation Jesus was facing?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.