

SERMON GUIDE

THE SEARCH FOR JESUS

John 7:10-20; 40-52

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SERMON NOTES

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 34)

1 Peter 5:6-7 (Temptation)

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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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

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

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever identified yourself with a group/fashion/fad that you are now embarrassed about?

Read John 7:10-20; 40-52

- 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** In John chapter 7, we discover that there were a lot of different opinions about Jesus. Let's reflect on each one:
 - Opinion 1 - "Jesus is a good man."
 - o Who was saying this? What led them to this conclusion?
 - o How were they actually responding to Jesus?
 - o Are there any people in your life like this?
 - Opinion 2 - "Jesus is either a trickster or he's crazy."
 - o Who was saying this? What do you think led them to this conclusion?
 - o How were they responding to Jesus?
 - o Are there any people in your life like this?
 - Opinion 3 - "Jesus is the Christ."
 - o Who was saying this? What do you think led them to this conclusion?
 - o How were they responding to Jesus?
 - o Are there any people in your life like this?

- O** Why do you think there are so many opinions out there about Jesus? What do our hearts fear most about him? What do we fear most about trusting him openly? Why?

- 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** At FCC we talk a lot about "unbelief." It is easy to understand the basic message of Christianity, but often fear keeps us from identifying with Jesus openly.
 - Do you struggle at all to believe what Jesus says about himself in your daily life? Why?
 - Do you struggle at all with being publicly identified with Jesus? Why?

- 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.