

The Pastor's Bible Study

An interactive study of the Gospel of John¹

Week 12 ~ Exploring John 7:1-52

Personal Study Time:

(Use the following suggestions in your personal Bible study time this week to prepare for our class discussion next Saturday.)

Day 1: Read John 7:1-52 twice and then answer the following question in your Gospel of John notebook.

- List the differences of opinion and action between Jesus and His brothers. Write out your thoughts on how Jesus' relationships with members of His family affected His life and ministry.
- Do you face opposition to your faith in your own family? If so, does knowing that Jesus faced the same problem help you to cope with your own situation? Does one tend to be more open or more cautious about expressing faith in the family setting? Why?

Days 2: Read John 7:1 – 8:59 and then answer the following questions.

- List and categorize the various reactions to Jesus in John 7 and 8. How would you account for the vast range of reactions to Jesus?
- How have your own reactions to Jesus varied over your life as a Christian? How will you react to the Jesus you met in your study today?

Days 3 through 6: Spend about 30 minutes each day for the next four days rereading the Gospel of John from start to finish.

- As you read underline every passage containing the term "the Jews." On a piece of paper try to group the usages into the following categories: 1) the religious leaders, 2) Jews in general, and 3) a subgroup of Jews other than the religious leaders. How do the usages of this phrase in John 7 compare to those of the rest of the book?
- At the end of each session (days 3-6) find a verse or passage from that days reading that you can apply to your current situation and pray this passage in your own words back to God.

The Pastor's Bible Study meets every Saturday morning at 10 A.M. at the Vancouver Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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