Lesson 15

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

John 7:1-52

Key Verse: 37-38

1. What occasion was mentioned and why did Jesus’ brothers think he should go to Judea (1-5)? What can we learn about Jesus in his response (6-9)? How did Jesus come to the festival and what were people saying about him (10-13)?
2. What did Jesus do halfway through the festival and how did people respond (14-15)? Where did Jesus’ teaching come from and how can anyone find out (16-18)? How did Jesus challenge them based on the Law of Moses (19-24)?
3. What did some of the people of Jerusalem wonder (25-27)? What did Jesus declare about his origin (28-29)? What were the mixed responses (30-32)? What did Jesus then say in response and how were his words misinterpreted (33-36)?
4. When, what and to whom did Jesus make a loud declaration, and with what promise (37-38)? What did Jesus mean (39)? How had God provided for Israel (see Ex 17:3-6; Nu 20:6-8)? How did this foreshadow the Messiah’s work (see Isa 12:3; 55:1; Rev 7:17)? Have you accepted Jesus’ invitation? If so, how have you experienced rivers of living water?
5. What were the various responses to Jesus’ words (40-44)? Why didn’t the guards arrest Jesus (45-46)? What was the Pharisees’ view of Jesus and the crowd (47-49)? What was Nicodemus’ objection and how did they silence him (50-52)?