



## Can This Be The Christ?

### Week of Apr 24 – 30

#### Icebreaker Question:

- 1** Tell us about a unique or quirky habit of yours.

#### Into the Text Questions:

##### Read John 7:1-52

**1** Read John 7:1-9. What reason does Jesus give his brother for rejecting their request for him to go to Jerusalem? What does Jesus say about the world and hate? Why do you think he mentions this to his brothers in light of their request? Why were people slow to believe in Jesus at this stage of his ministry?

**2** Read John 7:1-9. What reason does Jesus give his brother for rejecting their request for him to go to Jerusalem? What does Jesus say about the world and hate? Why do you think he mentions this to his brothers in light of their request? Why were people slow to believe in Jesus at this stage of his ministry?

**3** Read John 7:10-36. Identify at least three different teachings Jesus gives in this section that hint about his identity. What are those teachings saying? What strikes you about how Jesus addresses the people? Read John 7:40-52. What is the response of the religious leaders to the report of the officers? John 7 reminded us that no one lives up to his or her own standards for right and wrong, let alone God's. How do these verses affect the way that we speak about sin and judgment to our friends and neighbors? Describe a time when someone spoke hard truth in your life with grace. How can such an approach help you when speaking about the gospel of Jesus Christ with your friends and neighbors?

#### Application Questions:

**1** What confidence and hope do you draw from Jesus' declaration in John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world"? What promise held out in the gospel is implied in 8:24? How should this promise change the way you approach God and live the life of faith in the Lord?

**2** How has Jesus quenched your own thirst? Have each person share their own experience (or non-experience) of this. Is your heart parched or nourished at this time? What is required for your thirst to be quenched again? Why not spend some time ministering to each other and then pray for specific friends and colleagues who need to drink from the well of Christ?