

## Are You Thirsty? – Part 23 Participants Guide of Prepare-Stand-Contend

**The Main Idea: Thirsting for Jesus will prepare you to stand and contend amidst the storms of life**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Read John:7-37-38. What stands out to you in this passage?
- Read Isaiah 12: 2,3, 44:3,4, 58:1. Who is Jesus saying He is?

### Three Kinds of Spiritual Thirst

#### 1. Thirst of the **EMPTY** soul

Always **SEARCHING** and never **RESTING**

Thirsting and searching, the empty soul is blinded to his real need. Nothing or no one on earth fully and lastingly satisfies, but the empty soul doesn't know where to turn except to someone or something else. The soul of the unbeliever is void of God, empty and blinded towards the things of God.

**Are you an empty soul?** Read John 7:38. What does Jesus promise?

#### 2. Thirst of the **DRY** soul

The difference between the empty soul and the dry soul is that one has never experienced **RIVERS OF LIVING WATER** while the other has and knows what he's missing...like the Israelites. The dry soul drinks too deeply from the fountains of this world and becomes parched and distanced from the presence of God.

**Read John 4:13-14.** Then, why do we continue to thirst?

"When you drink my water, your thirst is not destroyed forever. If it did that, would you feel any need of my water afterward? That is not my goal. I do not want self-sufficient saints. When you drink my water, it makes a spring in you. A spring satisfies thirst, not by removing the need you have for water, but by being there to give you water whenever you get thirsty, again and again and again. Like this morning. So drink, John drink." – John Piper

### Nobody is attracted to dryness....except maybe the devil

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through **dry places**, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'. 'And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.'- Luke 11:24-26 (NKJV)

**Are you a dry soul?** Read John 7:38-39. Who will flow from within the believer?

#### 3. Thirst of the **SATISFIED** soul

The satisfied soul **THIRSTS** for God precisely because he is satisfied with God. The taste is so uniquely satisfying that he **CRAVES** more.

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. "The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." – John 4: 13-15

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." – John 4:23-24

To **THIRST** for Him is to **WORSHIP** Him!

**Are you thirsty?**

PRAYER REQUESTS