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The Feast of Tabernacles

John 7:1-36

1. How does the Feast of Tabernacles set the scene for what Jesus speaks about in John 7-8? Why is it important and helpful for us to understand the Jewish context of Jesus' life and ministry?

2. What does Jesus mean when He says the world hates Him because He testifies about it (v.7)?

3. How does fear of the Jewish leaders affect the people's willingness to speak openly about Jesus (vs.13)? Contrast that with what Jesus says about not seeking His own glory, but instead seeking the glory of His Father? (vs. 18)

4. In verse 30, we're told they "were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come." How does God's sovereign plan shape how we should think about risk, opposition, and obedience in our own lives?

5. Read these three passages and discuss what it looks like for Christians to live as pilgrims and sojourners? As people who are tent-camping in this world? :
 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
 - Hebrews 11:8-10
 - 1 Peter 2:11

What do we see about Jesus?

Jesus refocuses the Feast of Tabernacles – He is the one who dwells (tabernacles) among them (see John 1:14); but He will not always be with them.

Respond to the sermon:

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?