**John 7: 1-53 Teague Bible Church 11/8/2020**

**Question:**

**Have you ever felt like nothing could change between you and another person because you just can’t get on the same page with them? Family ,friends, co-workers? Just a hopeless feeling sets in?**

**Intro:** Jesus has, what seems to us, to be an impossible task, and not a lot of time to do it. Maybe His situation can help us with our situations!

**Ch. 7 shows just how misunderstood He really was**. How does God reach them or us? How can He reach anyone with sin blinding them at every turn! The Holy Spirit convicts the world about their sin, that begins the breaking of a hopeless situation, and then that person can see the real issue and decide if they want the truth. And even then, they are powerless unless the Father keeps drawing the person to Himself.

**Ex. Mark Hoskins**- Crying over the car 2 weeks in a row. I knew he was a goner so I said, “Mark, I would not keep coming to a place that made me feel so bad!” He was going to be saved! - Drawn to God -Convicted –Believed- Saved. That is how it works!

**QUESTION:** ***So what do we want to take away today and enjoy all week in our walk with Jesus?* God has your life in His hands**!

He spoke as if things were running right on schedule in chapter 6 and 7 and many other places.

In John 7 all I see is a train wreck ready to happen! Jesus considered it worth it all to save those who were seeking the truth and would help them arrive safely into His kingdom. If left to us alone the Devil could fool all of us indefinitely.

**Question:** What did Jesus know that kept Him encouraged in His mission?

**John 6: 36 -40, 43-44**. Argument alone will not convince anyone. Jesus takes comfort that His mission will succeed because the Father will draw people to Himself through Jesus. We should take the same comfort when we are trying to reach our family and friends and the world for Christ.

A key verse in the middle of the madness that is John 7, in regards to the people’s misunderstanding, and the way God breaks through is:

**John 7: 17 “ If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him**”

**TEXT TODAY: His brothers, the crowds, the Jewish leadership; all unbelieving and confused. It did not look hopeful at all!**

**John 7:1-8** Things running right on time. He was not discouraged.

**John 7: 9-18**

**v. 17**

**Ex.** Cornelius Acts 10: 35 “Opening his mouth Peter said: ‘ I most certainly now understand that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.”

Cornelius was not saved until He trusted the Christ Peter told him about. God was drawing him, then he was convicted, then he believed, then he was saved.

**v. 18** Remember how the leaders glorified themselves in **John 5: 43-44?** Just another form of blindness that God can break through!

**If we really believe that God works in people’s lives to bring them to Himself. And God clearly decided to use us most of the time in the process, then what should we do?**

**Can God break through? Can He reach anyone and save them and give them a new life in**

**Christ?**

**II CORINTHIANS 5: 14-21 “ ,,, He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”**