

Leader/Host Guide for John 7:1-53, Debate Over Jesus' Identity
Week following Jan. 1, 2012

**(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)*

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

Icebreaker suggestion: When I think of Jesus the word "provider" comes to my mind. What is the first word that comes to your mind when you hear the name Jesus? How does this word identify who Jesus is to you?

II. Opening Prayer

God of All

Father we know that you are the authority over all creation. Open our eyes to see this truth, believe this truth and to grow in our faith so that the identity of Jesus becomes part of the very fiber of our being.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

III. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

IV. Memory/Focus Verse Review

V. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

VI. Closing Prayer/Lord's Prayer

God of Truth

Thank you for the truth of your Word. We are privileged to freely study it and be given the spiritual opportunity to claim your true identity as our Lord and Savior. As we grow in our faith may our belief in you Jesus flow from our heart "rivers of living water."

In the name of Jesus who is mighty to save,

Amen

VII. Adjourn