

1 Sermon Notes: John 7:14-54

 What kinds of things stand between people and a close relationship with Jesus?

 Are you _____?

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2 At the beginning of John 7 (v 1-24), we see that Jesus is absolutely submitted to the Father.

 a. What does someone who is committed to God's timing, to His will, and to His glory behave like? How is this behavior tied to belief?

3 In John 7:14-52, close acquaintances, family members, religious leaders, and Jewish people seem very confused about who Jesus is. How do they show their confusion?

 a. They are also dissatisfied with Jesus. How do they demonstrate this?

 b. Repeatedly we find that they were fearful. What were they afraid of and how did they act on (or not act on) their fear?

4 Read John 7:16-18. Jesus describes what true teaching from the Father is.

 a. Have you ever been exposed to teaching that seems true but is not from the Father? Have you ever taught unbiblical truths?

 b. Read 2 Tim. 3:16 and John 16:13. What will correct the teaching that is not from the Father?

5 When Jesus is described as someone who never studied (v 15), is that a recipe for all spiritual leaders? Should spiritual leaders be uneducated?

 a. John 7:27, 41-42 describes the spiritual ignorance and laziness of supposedly religious people. Why did they never investigate Jesus' birthplace?

