

## SMALL GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

### The Holy Gospel According to Saint John

#### Lesson #7

- 1) Have someone read Chapter Seven and then take time to discuss it.
- 2) The Feast of Tabernacles also known as the Feast of Booths is held in the fall after the harvest. Jews lived for seven days in a temporary shelter – a booth or tabernacle.
- 3) Jesus time has not yet come 7:1. He is referring to the time when He will be crucified at which point He will allow Himself to be handed over and crucified.
- 4) Jesus disputes with the Jews in the Temple. Some reject Him because He healed on the Sabbath (see Chapter 5). He refutes them by referring to Moses who circumcised on the Sabbath and was not to have been seen as breaking the Law.
- 5) People were amazed that Jesus was teaching openly in the Temple when the Jewish leaders sought to kill Him (See 5:18).
- 6) Jesus proclaims that He knows the Father and that those who think they know Him (Jesus) do not really know.
- 7) Again, His hour has not yet come (vs. 30).
- 8) Jesus then says He is going where He will not be found. What does this refer to? Why does Jesus say this?
- 9) Notice the promise of the Holy Spirit in vs 37 to 39. Here we have another hint of things to come.
- 10) All knew the Messiah would not come from Galilee (vs. 42). Why do some think Jesus comes from Galilee?
- 11) The soldiers sent to arrest Jesus were from the Temple guard and under the command of the High Priest. They were not Romans.
- 12) In verse 50, Nicodemus appears again. Where do we first see him?