

# Tongues of Fire and Water from the Heart

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**SCRIPTURE:** John 7:37-39 *NRSV*

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,<sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."<sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS- Tongues of Fire and Water from the Heart**

1. What jumps out at you about this passage?
2. What can water symbolize? (life, cleansing, refreshment, etc.)
3. What were some significant things that Jesus did with water or around water?
4. What are ways that human beings have thirst or hunger?
5. How might Jesus meet those needs?
6. In the Gospel of John, two things flowed out of Jesus' side after he was crucified. Do you remember what they were?
7. How can we be living water to our world today?
8. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gave after his ascension to the Father. How does the Holy Spirit help us today? How is the Holy Spirit like Jesus?