

Week 11 | LEADER GUIDE

John 7 | Jesus at the Feast of the Tabernacles

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES (SUKKOT)

In the reading for today, Jesus goes to the Festival of Tabernacles. The details of this feast are described in Leviticus 23:33-43. It was instituted as a commemoration of the Israelites' journey through the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt. During this time, the Israelites dwelled in temporary shelters, or booths (sukkot), hence the name of the holiday. Sukkot emphasizes gratitude, joy, and dependence on God's provision.

In Nehemiah 8, the Israelites who returned to Jerusalem from exile celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles after the wall was rebuilt.

Today, Sukkot remains a significant festival in Judaism, observed by Jews worldwide. It is celebrated with prayer services, festive meals, the waving of the [lulav and etrog](#), and the dwelling in sukkot. In Israel, it is a national celebration, with many public events and activities taking place throughout the country.

Leader Note in studying the Bible: *One of the best traits to develop for studying scripture is curiosity. When something in scripture intrigues you, investigate it. If you have a study Bible, read the notes and follow the related scriptures. If you have access to the internet, do a Google search of your questions or read about the things that interest you. Utilize these during your group as well. We fully encourage you to use whatever resources you have to look things up and help people understand the tools at their disposal during your group.*

And for further study, you can always use the resources on RightNow Media and our website for how to study the Bible.

GATHER

Who did you share your story with this week?

What challenges do you experience when it comes to practicing something like sharing your story vs. praying for someone or inviting someone to a meal?

DISCUSS

Read John 7

1. *What stood out to you in the passage?*
2. *What does this passage show us about Jesus?*
3. *What does it reveal about people?*
4. *What is one truth or command you need to obey?*
5. *Who needs to hear/know this?*

PRACTICE | STUDY SCRIPTURE

A few weeks ago, we talked about the practice of reading scripture daily. How is that going?

Another important scripture practice is “study.”

- What does studying scripture usually look like for you?
- What tools do you use?

This week, our practice is to study scripture. Some tools that can help are:

- [RightNow Media](#): Either using the 2|42 app or sharing this link, you can access a whole library of Bible study content. It functions sort of like the Netflix of Christian content. Also includes material for kids.
- [Bible Project](#): A library of helpful videos for understanding biblical concepts and seeing the Bible as one connected story. There are also blogs, podcasts, and classes for digging deep into the Bible

- [Blue Letter Bible](#): This site makes it easy to study the Bible in the original language.

PRAYER

How can we be praying for one another?

After you pray for one another, if your group doesn't have a regular rhythm of "fellowship" or "fun," we recommend you take time to plan something together with your group. This could be anything from a play-date at a park with kids to a backyard BBQ to a small group camping or road trip. Regular times of intentional fellowship as a group build friendships, lead to deeper relationships, and offer opportunities to invite other friends and co-workers to meet the people who are part of your small group.