

2. How does Jesus articulate his calling and authority in the passage?

3. At the height of the festival, Jesus stands and cries out in a loud voice (v. 37) – what invitation does he offer and what other imagery from the Gospel of John does it bring to mind?

- Reflection on the call of Jesus, parenting, and the noise of motherhood.

- **Application:**

1. With which of the characters at the festival do you most identify? Are you encountering Jesus with a heart seeking *real* truth or are you seeking to justify what you already believe is truth?
2. What goodness is there in living under the authority of Jesus, rather than your own? How might living under God's good authority translate into helping your children know the goodness of authority as well?
3. Aside from your child(ren), what are some other sources of noise and chaos in your life that might make hearing Jesus' voice more difficult?
4. In the daily flow of life, how can you be reminded of Jesus' invitation to drink of Him? If not Him, what other sources are you seeking to quench your thirst? Can you trust Him to both identify your need and provide you with all that is needed to fill it?

- **Digging Deeper:** When Jesus cries out in John 7:37, he identifies himself as the source of water that is prophesied in Isaiah 55:1. This would have likely been recognized by educated Jews. A quote of scripture like this can trigger ongoing recitation (Jesus does this when he cries out with Psalm 22 on the cross – giving the opening line and expecting others would recall the Psalm and see the whole truth playing out). Take some time to examine Isaiah 55 and see what would be “triggered” for the Jewish hearers from Jesus' reference of Isaiah 55:1. It is another layer of the fullness of Jesus' deity being revealed!

***** You are thirsty. Come to me and drink. *****