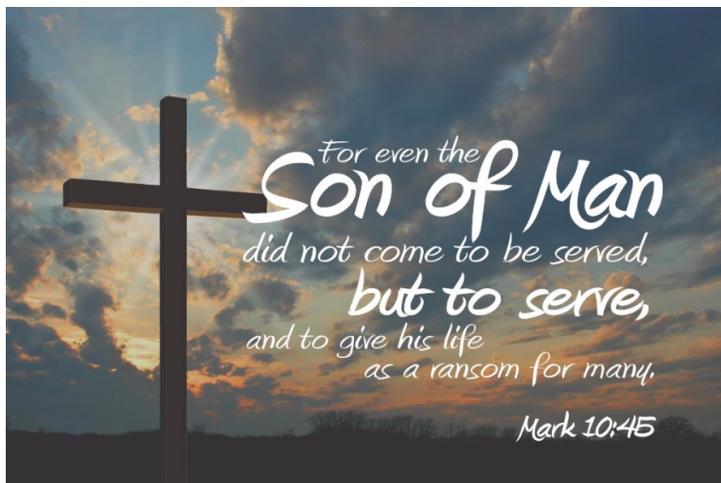


# Weekly Reflection

This week we will be reading through John 7 together. In this chapter Jesus is teaching and giving testimony about himself in Jerusalem. We also hear the varied responses of the crowds to Jesus, and all that he is saying and doing. Some of the crowd wants him arrested, some put their faith in him, some doubt his credentials and authority, some are confused, some are impressed by what he says and does, some are jealous, and some call him the Christ. John sums this up in v.43 by saying the people were divided because of Jesus. When we encounter Jesus – with all his actions, words and claims – we are compelled to respond in some way. We see the same kind of varied responses to Jesus in our day as John observed during that feast in Jerusalem long ago. The question for us, as Jesus posed it to his disciples on occasion, is “Who do you say that I am?” Do we respond to Jesus by putting our faith in him and calling him Savior and Lord? And if this is what we say, then how do the actions of our lives align with this confession? This is why we need to be continuously led to Scripture, so we can again and again be confronted with Jesus, and as we confess him as Lord, again and again be confronted with what a life following Jesus is and is not.

## Weekly Activity

Jesus invites us to come to him and drink and receive the Holy Spirit.  
Pray each day for the Spirit's presence and power in your life.



## Scripture

### Sunday:

Mark 10:45

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### Monday:

John 6:60-71

*As a church, do you ever talk about the difficult topics? The ones that are hard to hear?*

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### Tuesday:

John 7:1-24

*How does v. 18 impact your ministry?*

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### Wednesday:

John 7:25-44

*We receive the Holy Spirit by drinking from Jesus. What does drinking from Jesus mean, and are we drinking?*

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### Thursday:

John 7:45-8:11

*Are we showing love to people even when no one else is?*

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### Friday:

John 8:12-30

*We have the light because Jesus is the light. Are we sharing this light with others?*

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### Saturday:

Psalms 23:1-6





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