

River of Life

Group Discussion

For each of the passages assigned to you, do the following with your group.

1. **Read** the passage together and spend a few minutes (not too long) **discussing** its symbolism. Identify **what the water represents** in the context of the passage and **what its significance is** for the people of God.
2. For each passage, **write** the following on **one of the blue pieces of paper** you have been given (each passage should have a separate paper). Write large enough that it can be easily read by someone standing beside the paper, with the paper on the ground.

Write in black: 1) what the water represents and 2) the passage reference

Write in blue: key words or phrases from the passage (or closely tied to the wording of the passage) about the water that relate to its significance for the people of God.

| GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 |
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| Psalm 36:5-9 (read all of Psalm 36) Psalm 46:4-5 (read all of Psalm 46) Isaiah 66:12-13 (read vv. 5-16) Isaiah 41:17-18 | Isaiah 43:19-21, 44:3-4 (read 43:14–44:5) Isaiah 49:10 (read vv. 8-13) Isaiah 55:1-2 (read vv. 1-13) Jeremiah 31:9, 12 (read vv. 7-14) |
| GROUP 3 | GROUP 4 |
| Isaiah 12:1-3 Jeremiah 2:13 John 4:10-14 John 7:37-39 | Ezekiel 47:1-12 Joel 3:18 (read vv. 16-21) Revelation 21:6, 22:1-5, 17 Isaiah 35:6-7 (read all of Isaiah 35) |

After you have finished the posters, discuss the following:

1. What were the common themes among the passages you looked at?
2. In what ways do these passages build on one another?
3. What does it mean to “come and drink” from the water that God offers in these passages