

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Rivers of Living Water

1. **In John 7:38,39** We read: *Whoever believes in me the Scripture has said, 'rivers of living water will flow from within him' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.* Have you experienced these rivers of living water? What change has it made in your life?
2. **Ezekiel 47:1-14**: describes a river flowing from under the south side of the temple. As it flowed east towards the Dead Sea, it got deeper until the man measuring it was out of his depth. Have you jumped into the river of life and floated until you were out of your depth? Or are you a one toe at a time type person. Discuss
3. Trees grew beside the river and brought forth fruit every month. All believers are Temples of the Holy Spirit, from whom streams of living water flow making us fruitful. How can we make sure that these streams of living water are flowing out of us?

4. The temple is a place of worship: a place of intimacy. When the river of life flows in our lives, we become worshippers and are prepared to yield our lives in obedience to the Lord. God wants all of us: body, soul, and spirit. What is the difference between these parts of ourselves?
5. **Galatians 5:16 – 21** tells us how to live by the Spirit. Think of a car: The engine is like our spirit. The chassis or body of the car is like our body. The petrol & the ignition is like the soul we need the petrol to make it go. We make a decision to turn the key and bring the petrol into contact with the engine. Many of us don't get involved in the things of the Spirit because we don't decide to take the action to get turned on. How do we do this?
6. **Luke 11: 9-13** *If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"* Have you ever asked God for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We don't always get what we ask for, because God knows some things are bad for us. But when it comes to asking for the Holy Spirit, Jesus is very positive. *Ask and you will receive, how much more will the Father give the Spirit to those who ask.* Why are some people afraid to ask? Some people have received this flow but have later become blocked up. How do we reconnect?
7. There have been periods of history when it seems that the tide is going out on the church. Then God has poured out His living water: The Welsh revival & Charismatic renewal. What other revivals have you heard about. God doesn't change: He will do it again...

8. What is stopping an outpouring of God's spirit here in Taupo?

9. Pray for each other, our church, community and nation.