

The 72 — Kingdom Leadership & Ministry Training

Finding the River

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1 WELCOME TO THE 72

- The 72 bring the Word, power, and love of Jesus wherever they are sent.
 - See **Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**.

- The Call:
 - The 72 are CHOSEN.
 - The 72 are SENT.
 - The 72 are KINGDOM MOTIVATED.
 - The 72 are SUPERNATURALLY RESOURCED.

2 A GROWING DISTRESS

3 SHIFTING OUR PURSUIT

- **John 14:1 (ESV) — 1** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."
 - **John 14:6 (ESV) — 6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- The way = _____

- The truth = _____

- The life = _____

- Finding life in Jesus vs. Finding life through pseudo-Christian Spirituality

- Pseudo-Christian Spirituality = finding meaning and purpose through _____— which include physical, spiritual, supernatural activity—this is more akin to witchcraft and occultism.
- True Christian Spirituality = finding meaning and purpose through a _____ life bringing the heart of God to bear in all practical situations.

4 TRANSFORMATION AND THE RIVER OF GOD

- **Genesis 2:10 (ESV) — 10** A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.
 - The river makes everything _____.
- **Ezekiel 47:9 (ESV) — 9** And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.
 - The river is the source of _____.
- **Revelation 22:1–5 (ESV) — 1** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
 - The river produces everything necessary for the _____ of the nations.
- **John 7:37–39 (ESV) — 37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
 - The river brings _____ from within.
- **John 4:10 (ESV) — 10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
 - **John 4:13–14 (ESV) — 13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
 - The river creates a resource for _____ in our lives.

- **Luke 17:20–21 (ESV) — 20** Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, **21** nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”
 - The river is always about personal _____.

5 **THREE TRANSFORMATIONAL RESULTS OF THE RIVER**

- _____—I exist by reason and design.

- _____—I live by mission and gifting.

- _____—I move for the benefit and well-being of others.

6 **THE CALL TO THE 72—CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR TRANSFORMATION AND RECREATION**

- Make it _____! Read **1 Thessalonians 5:12-24**.

- Live IN the _____. See **John 8:31-32**.

- Live in the “_____ of His Presence.” See **Exodus 13:21-22**.
 - I’m not talking about living with your heads in the clouds, but with your eyes and ears attentive to the cloud.
 - The Spirit of God will always move you for the benefit of others.

- Create space for _____ conversations. See **Mark 1:17**.