

# Broken Signposts: Spirituality

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**Have you ever heard/liked a song but couldn't really understand what it was about?**

We are in a Sermon Series called Broken Signposts: Echoes that remain from when God created this world, now broken but because of Christ's resurrection, His followers can begin to repair the breaches!

## Today: Spirituality

### 1. The quest for Spirituality is \_\_\_\_\_!



Since the 1960's the "spiritual landscape" has dramatically changed and continues to do so. Sadly, the Church hasn't clearly taught & modeled God's Vision for humanity & Spirituality

### 2. God's Vision of Spirituality for humanity is brought to completion in \_\_\_\_\_!

"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'"

John 7:37-38

John explains: "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, **since Jesus had not yet been glorified.**" John 7:39

### This reiterates what Jesus had told Nicodemus in John 3 & the woman at the well in John 4.

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.** (from above)"

<sup>4</sup>"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, **no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.** <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:3-8

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but **whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**"

John 4:13-14

### 3. Christ-followers today need to check our \_\_\_\_\_!

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>**This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**"

John 15:1-8

## Conclusion:

Across the nation, people are giving up on Church, often for some form of "Spirituality".

WE must be diligent to guard our water supplies not only for ourselves, but for all we touch!

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