



Discussion Guide for “Clean Water, No Fences”

Thrill of Hope Week 5

Christianity has become known as a religion full of rules – these “dos” and “don’ts” have become fences that keep Christians in line, corralling us like spiritual cattle. But according to Paul, now that Jesus has come, God has torn all the fences down, and every person is free to seek God. The life Jesus offers us is so good, God is convinced we don’t need rules to keep us pinned in – when God is with us, we don’t need fences.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

[Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)

[Psalms 148](#)

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

[John 4:1-30](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. What religious “fences” have played a part in your life?
2. How are those “fences” good? Have you seen them become toxic?
3. Why do we insist on rules for following Jesus? What are we afraid of?
4. Why does Paul say we don’t need the Law now that we have Jesus?
5. How pure is the water of life you offer?