

## Scripture this week:

### John 1:19-34

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." <sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. <sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

## Scripture this week:

### John 1:19-34 cont.

<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

## Who Are You?

John 1:19-34

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John the Apostle tells us about John the Baptist's introduction of Jesus. While the author tells us about John the Baptist, his bigger objective is to tell us about Jesus and to give us a picture of what it means to "receive" and "believe" in Jesus.

### Who is John the Baptist?

- **He had an accurate view of himself.**
- **He was called by God to introduce the Messiah.**
- **He faithfully did what God asked him to do.**
- **He wholeheartedly and fearlessly pointed to Jesus.**

## Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on John 1:19-34

### Reading the Text:

1. Why do you think the religious leaders (Priests and Levites) in Jerusalem felt compelled to send a delegation to gather information about the ministry of John the Baptist?
2. What does it tell us about the Jewish religious leaders that they asked if John might be Elijah (see Malachi 4:5-6)? Or another prophesied figure?
3. What do John the Baptist's answers in vv. 19 - 28 tell us about his character and how he understands his role?
4. What happened for John the Baptist at Jesus' baptism?

### Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read Isaiah 40:3. How does this passage help us in how we see John the Baptist and Jesus?

### Living It Out:

6. What does John's story and his interaction with Jesus help us see about God and His plan?
7. When did the truth about Jesus 'click' for you? When were you first able to say, 'This is the Son of God.'?
8. What specifics can we learn from the example of John the Baptist?
9. How can we be witnesses to the reality of Jesus in our families? In our neighborhoods? In our workplaces? In our Life Group?