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GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
**JOHN**

APRIL 24, 2022



# WELCOME

RICHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH

## GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 04/20/22 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2022 Actual	\$89,292	\$373,820
2022 Budget	\$87,627	\$440,805
Difference	\$1,665	-\$66,985

## HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at [richfieldcc.org/invest](https://richfieldcc.org/invest)
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes



# SUMMER

*is on*

RCC Summer Kick Off Party, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

FREE FOOD • WATERSLIDES • GAMES & PRIZES

*Mark your calendars* for Sunday, June 5th for RCC's Summer Kick Off Party!

Right after an all-church service, we'll celebrate the start of summer and the end of the school year. There will be food, dessert, waterslides, games and prizes, photo opportunities and more! It's a great chance to enjoy meeting new friends, catching up with old ones, and grabbing some fun in the sun!



Students! We hope you join us for our upcoming Decades Dance on **April 30th from 6-9 PM**. We will provide dinner, drinks, snacks, prizes. We will also have an awards show for a contest that will take place that night.

Dress up from any decade, old school or new school! Invite your friends and be ready to eat, laugh, and dance the night away.

**Cost:** \$25

**Register:** [richfieldcc.org/events](http://richfieldcc.org/events).

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## John 3:22-36

<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized <sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison).

<sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup> John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease." <sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

# NOTES:

# **Less is More**

John 3:22-36

Todd Chapman - April 24, 2022

The paradox, "Less is More" is beautifully exemplified by John the Baptist. He unmistakably understood the reality that there is more joy to be experienced when others celebrate the infinite glory of Jesus rather than applaud us.

**The Human Presumption – "More is More"**

**John the Baptist's Perspective - "Less is More"**

**John the Apostle's Commentary – "Jesus is More"**

# ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Based on John 3:22-36

For the week of April 24, 2022

## **Reading the Text:**

1. In vv. 22 - 24, why does John (the author) feel it important to tell us where Jesus and His disciples were and what they were doing, as well as where John the Baptist was and what he was doing?
2. What do you think was the intent of telling John the Baptist that "all are going to him (to Jesus)" to be baptized? What response do you think "the Jew" and/or John's disciples were expecting?
3. In vv. 25 - 30, how would you summarize John the Baptist's response?
4. In vv. 31 - 36, we have John (the author's) commentary on why Jesus's ministry must increase. How would you summarize John's point at the end of this section?

## **Knowing the Full Picture:**

5. Read Acts 19:2-7. What does this tell us about Luke and Paul's understanding of the importance of Jesus' ministry surpassing John the Baptist's ministry?

## **Living It Out:**

6. Have you ever had a loss of job, income, or status that really shook your sense of identity? How can we learn to respond more like John the Baptist – (v. 27 - everything I have is from God)?
7. In light of John the Baptist's 'best man' analogy, is there a situation in which you were overjoyed that the 'right' person received their due? What made you feel that way? How can this apply to how we see Jesus?
8. In v. 36, John writes that whoever believes in the Son has (present tense) eternal life. How might we live differently if we believed more fully that eternal life starts now? How might we encourage one another with this truth?



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