

WHAT John the Baptist Shares About Jesus

- Jesus is the _____ of God

= the _____ for our life

- Jesus is He who _____ with the Holy Spirit

= the _____ of our life

- Jesus is the _____ of God

= the _____ of our life

NEXT STEPS: Ways to Apply God's Word this Week

1. Take time this week to worship Jesus because He is the sacrifice for our life (Lamb), the giver of our life (Holy Spirit baptizer) and the source of our life (Son of God).
2. Every follower of Jesus is a witness called to share about Jesus. Consider what people would say about the witness of YOUR life. Is it intriguing, humble, and focused?

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and His First Followers* | John 1:35-51

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus & the First Witness

John 1:19-34

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After the poetic prelude, the story of the life of Jesus really begins in John's Gospel with the witness of John the Baptist. Both HOW John shares about Jesus and WHAT John shares about Jesus are worthy of our exploration . . .

THE PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may BELIEVE that JESUS is the CHRIST, the SON OF GOD, and that by BELIEVING you may have LIFE in His name.
John 20:30-31

HOW John the Baptist Shares About Jesus

- John is _____ in his witness about Jesus

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

This week and in the coming weeks, ask one person, who is willing, to share their spiritual story and the process that led them to trust Jesus.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 1:19-34 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
2. Why is HOW we share Jesus with people just as important as WHAT we share with people about Jesus? Can you think of some examples to illustrate?
3. What strikes you about the MANNER of John's sharing about Jesus in this text?

4. What do you notice about the CONTENT of John's sharing about Jesus in this text?

5. Read John 20:30-31. What is this and how does it help us understand the Gospel of John? How does this story of the witness of John the baptist connect to these verses and vice versa?

6. How does each of the three "titles" that John calls Jesus (Lamb of God, Holy Spirit baptizer, Son of God) relate to LIFE that we find in Jesus?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Using John 1:19-34 as a springboard for your prayers, praise Jesus for who He is and the life He gives.
- Pray for those in your circles who don't yet know Jesus or the life He gives. Pray for opportunities to share with them in intriguing, humble, and focused ways.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.