

Life Group Homework

JOHN 1:19-34 – John the Baptist Points to the Lamb of God

Getting Started:

Has there ever been a time when you had something important to share, but knew that you had to first prepare the person to hear it?

Digging In:

1. When questioned concerning his identity, John the Baptist denies being the Messiah, Elijah, or even being a prophet. He instead quotes from *Isaiah 40:3*. Read *Isaiah 40:3-5* and discuss how the ministry of John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy. John did not pave an actual road for Jesus to walk on, so in what manner did he “prepare the way of the Lord?” (You can look up and read *Matthew 3:1-12*, *Mark 1:1-8*, and *Luke 3:1-18* if you want to remind yourself of the content found in John’s message)

4. John the Baptist, referring to another human being, says "*Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!*" If you were there and heard John say this concerning Jesus, what questions would you want to ask John in order to be able to be sure you understood him? (Remember that this is before the cross, and he seems to be forecasting an upcoming human sacrifice.)

5. Read *John 6:14-15* and discuss how Jesus being the "Lamb of God" would have differed from what the people were expecting in a Messiah.

6. In the context of this passage, what was the purpose of the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus at his baptism?

Living It Out:

1. Do we have a genuine sense of humility before Christ like that of John the Baptist?
2. How do you know Christ? Who do you know him to be?
3. How do you relate to Jesus in your everyday life? Is he your “Lamb of God?” Is he “The Son of God” to you? How do you see him in your mind as you relate to him?

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!