



HOUSE GROUPS

Discussion Questions: John 1:19-34

The following questions are based upon John 1:19–34. The major themes we will be covering are: identity, humility, witness, repentance, the Messiah, and Jesus as the Lamb of God. Please use your Bibles for review.

The Identity of the Witness (John 1:19–28)

1. If someone asked you, "Who are you?" how would you answer without mentioning your job, family role, or accomplishments?

2. Why do you think the religious leaders were so interested in finding out who John the Baptist was? What expectations were driving their questions?

3. John was very clear about who he was not. Why is understanding who we are not sometimes just as important as understanding who we are?

4. John described himself as "the voice." What does that teach us about our role as Christians in relation to Jesus?

5. In what ways can Christians today be tempted to draw attention to themselves instead of pointing people to Christ?

Preparing the Way (John 1:23)

6. The sermon described how roads were prepared before the arrival of a king or emperor. What spiritual obstacles ("mountains," "valleys," "crooked paths," or "rough places") can keep people from receiving Christ today?

7. Which of the obstacles mentioned in the message—pride, self-righteousness, despair, hopelessness, rebellion, dishonesty, or spiritual indifference—do you think is most common in our culture today? Why?

8. What practical steps can we take to prepare our hearts to receive God's work more fully?

Humility and Exalting Christ (John 1:24–28)

9. John said he was not worthy to untie Jesus' sandal strap. What does John's humility teach us about true spiritual leadership?

10. The sermon stated, "The closer you grow to Jesus, the smaller self becomes and the greater Christ becomes." Have you found that to be true in your own life? Why or why not?

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Behold the Lamb of God (John 1:29–31)

11. Why do you think John introduced Jesus as "the Lamb of God" instead of using titles like King, Deliverer, or Messiah first?

12. What is the significance of the statement, "who takes away the sin of the world"? How is that different from merely covering sin?

13. The message emphasized that the world's greatest problem is sin. How does that perspective affect the way we view current events and personal struggles?

The Identity of the Savior (John 1:32–34)

14. John identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Eternal One, the Spirit-Anointed One, and the Son of God. Which of these truths about Jesus means the most to you personally right now, and why?

15. The religious leaders asked John, "Who are you?" John essentially responded, "Let me tell you about Jesus." How can we make our conversations more Christ-centered in everyday life?

Closing Challenge

John's entire ministry was summarized by one mission: pointing people away from himself and toward Jesus. What is one practical way you can point someone to Christ this week?