

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

Do you consider yourself a competitive person? What do you think your friends or family would say about you?

## CONTEXT

We see Jesus and John the Baptist both baptizing in the same area. Even though John's original calling to "make straight the way of the Lord" is complete, he is still actively engaged in leading people to God. We also read about the supremacy of Jesus because He was from above and testified about the things He has experienced with the Father.

## PASSAGE

John 3:22-36

## DISCUSS

Reread John 1:35-37 and compare it with our text. What are the two types of responses from John's disciples?

How could people sitting under the same teaching have such different responses?

What other motives could the disciples from today's passage have for following John?

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

John recognized that his role in preparing the way for Jesus had been complete and that he needed to decrease. What are some ways that we can get this wrong?

Reread John 3:31-34. John begins to give us clear details about why Jesus is better. He is from heaven and above all, and not bound to the restrictions of the earth like all other teachers. How does knowing that Jesus' words are a direct testimony of His experience with God impact your acceptance of them? Why?

## NEXT STEPS

God has given us the charge to make disciples. We may have spent years discipling kids, family, fellow students, or coworkers. Now our lives may look different with grown children, retirement, or a different life circumstance altogether. However, as we see with John the Baptist, our ministry direction may change, but the charge to make disciples remains.

If you thought your task was over, take time to pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's help in seeing God's plan for your life today.