

# ALL EYES ON JESUS

## The Testimony of John the Baptist (John 1:19-34)

### Small Group Study Notes

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Get to know your question: Would you prefer living in the country or the city? Why?

- What is the weirdest food you have ever eaten?

❖ In what ways was John the Baptist similar to Elijah?

1 Kings 2:3-8, Matthew 3:1-8

❖ Read John 1:19-23 – Why did the religious rulers send a delegation to check on John the Baptist?

- John's answer to their question, who are you grew shorter and shorter. What might this reveal about him?
- Explain the context of Isaiah 40:3-5.
- What steps are taken today to prepare for the arrival of a dignitary?
- What obstacles might we remove that would keep a person from coming to Christ? Or what steps could we take to make it easier for someone to come to Christ?

❖ Read John 1:24-28 – What was unique about John's baptism?

- Why did this upset the Pharisees?
- How is John's baptism different from Christian baptism today? (Offer to speak quietly with any believer who has yet to publicly proclaim their faith through Believers Baptism, Colossians 2:12).
- John felt he wasn't worthy to loosen the straps of Jesus' sandals. He does do it, though. What might this imply or how might John's feeling and actions help us?

❖ Read John 1:29-34 – What is significant about John pointing Jesus out by calling Him the Lamb of God?

- Of all the titles he could have used why do you think he chose this one?
- What was the sign God gave John to let him know Jesus is Messiah?
- Read about the baptism of Christ: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-23 (choose one or read all three if time permits). What truths do you see here?

Close:

- What one thing grabbed you in this lesson?
- What one thing puzzles you in this lesson?
- What one thing will you try to practice from this lesson?

