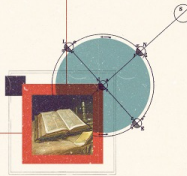




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Grace & Truth Week 5: John 3:22-36

In the passage we considered this week we saw how John the Baptist confirms Jesus' identity and then gives us reasons (vv. 30-36) why we should take seriously what Jesus says.

Discussion Questions:

- Read John 3:22-36 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind? What impacted you from the sermon?
- Tell about a time when someone you knew was doing much better than you in their career, their marriage, their finances, etc. How did that affect you? Did it give you a desire to compete with that person? What are some negative results that come from comparing yourself with others and competing with them?
- Study John's response to the news that Jesus' ministry is growing. Re-read verses 27-30. Do you think John was putting on a show for his disciples? How could he genuinely be excited that his ministry was shrinking and Jesus' ministry was growing?
- C. S. Lewis said: "True gospel-humility is not thinking more of yourself or thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." Do you agree with this? Why or why not? Do you struggle with constantly thinking about yourself?
- Think of one or two ways you can decrease and allow Jesus to increase in your life this week. If you feel comfortable, share with the group what comes to mind.