



## Life Group Questions Encounters With Jesus

Week 1: John 1:19-34 (John the Baptizer) | Sep 10, 2023

1. ICEBREAKER: Sometimes, we do whatever it takes. Steven told the story of the Taylor Swift fan flying to CA who asked the pilot (before the flight took off) if they could fly over SoFi Stadium so she could get a glimpse of the concert she longed to attend. What's the craziest thing you've ever done (or heard others do) to attend an event or see a celebrity?
2. What are the characteristics of a humble person? Why is it so challenging to be humble?
3. **An encounter with Jesus reveals who you are NOT and who you ARE.** Read John 1:20-23. What did John (the Baptizer) want people to know about himself?
4. What does the phrase "make straight the way for the Lord" mean (1:23), and how did John accomplish that?
5. How would you have felt about your role if you had been John? In what ways can you point people to Jesus in your current role?  
*[Invite your group to be specific. If they say something general like, "Be kind to others," or "Invite someone to church," ask them to take the next step. WHO will you be kind to? In WHAT ways will you do that? WHO will you invite to church? WHEN will you do that? Etc.]*
6. **An encounter with Jesus reveals who God really is.** Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God (1:29), and what did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because he was before him? (1:30)

7. Have there been moments in your life when God revealed to you who he was? Perhaps through his word, or someone's story, or your own life circumstances? What happened and what did you learn about God?
  
8. **An encounter with Jesus brings complete joy, as he increases and we decrease.** What does that mean? What might that look like in the life of someone who follows Jesus?
  
9. Let's illustrate what the above could mean by reading John 3:28-30. In what areas of your life do you want to express more humility, or do you want to find joy by pointing people to Jesus?

\*\*\*PRAY together\*\*\*