

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

The One Who Knew He Was Not
John 1:19-28

Slide 2:

John 1:19-28 (ESV)

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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WHO ARE YOU?

Slide 4:

- I. What is John's Self-Image?
- II. What is John's Image of Christ?
- III. What Kind of Person Was He?
- IV. How Can We Be Transformed Likewise?

Slide 5:

John's View of Himself

Slide 6:

John had an incorrect view of himself. He didn't know how great he was.

Slide 7:

John's View of Christ

Slide 8:

John had a correct high view of Jesus. He thought He was the Lord.

Slide 9:

What kind of man did his views of himself and Jesus create?

Slide 10:

John was the greatest man who ever lived. He was full of courage and humility.

Slide 11:

We have developed our own, and perpetuated building self-image outside of the Gospel.

Slide 12:

We have to build our self-esteem on something of value....but whose value?
Is it at the expense of others or through our high view of Christ?

Slide 13:

How can we be transformed like John the Baptist?

Slide 14:

When we look to Jesus we see how humble He was!

Slide 15:

When we listen to The Word He tells us how beautiful we are!

B. GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1) Read John 1:19-28. What are some things you see in the text that enlighten your understanding of John the Baptist, or Jesus? What are some things that bring about deeper questions?
- 2) John didn't know that he was the "Elijah" spoken of in Malachi 4. Read what it says there, and speak to why John didn't know that about himself. Are we ever truly aware of who we are?
- 3) John the Baptist had a high view of Jesus that made him feel low in comparison. Describe an unhealthy low self-esteem, and the kind of "no" self-esteem that John the Baptist revealed. Would you have felt unworthy to untie the sandals of Jesus?
- 4) Explain how deep humility and great courage and confidence can exist in the same person.
- 5) How are you building your self-esteem or self-image?
- 6) In what ways did Jesus go lower than we are willing to go, and in what ways does He bring us higher than we are able to go?
- 7) Prayer and praise