

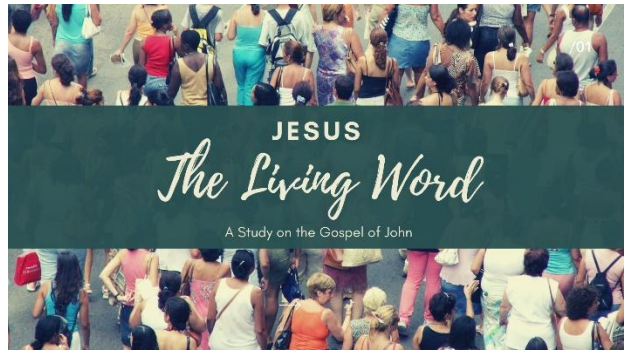
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 10: Gospel of John 3:22-36

Study Notes Jesus- the Word of God



John 3:22-24. John & Jesus Baptizing

- o After the engagement with the Pharisee, Nicodemus Jesus goes into the Judean countryside and spends time with His Disciples. As Jesus is teaching and demonstrating, His disciples are doing the baptizing.
 - John 4:2
- o Jesus is demonstrating leadership development in His followers- training and equipping for the work of Gospel Ministry!
 - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
- o John was baptizing further north in Judea (toward Samaria) having not yet been put in prison.

John 3:25-30. Transitions: John (Law) & Jesus (Grace)

- o John represents the last of the Old Testament prophetic voices, in a genuine appeal for hearts to look toward Jesus- God's Lamb sent to take away the sin of the world. Jesus was going to fulfill the Law and bring us into a new Covenant!
- o The friend of the bridegroom must decrease as the bridegroom himself arrives. John rejoices at His voice!
 - Luke 1:41 (When John leapt in the womb)

John 3:31-36. New Covenant: Spirit Without Measure

- o The role of the Holy Spirit is changing because of Jesus. John foretold that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit (John 1:34); this is because Jesus was filled beyond measure with the Holy Spirit.
- o As a Spirit-anointed, Spirit-led man, Jesus (who was fully God) lived, served, and proclaimed the Gospel as God intended. It was in this formula Jesus' followers (including us today) would follow- being Spirit filled!
 - Acts 1:8; 10:38
- o For John the author, Faith and Obedience are interchangeably used to show they are one and the same. There is not faith without obedience, and obedience without faith becomes legalism.

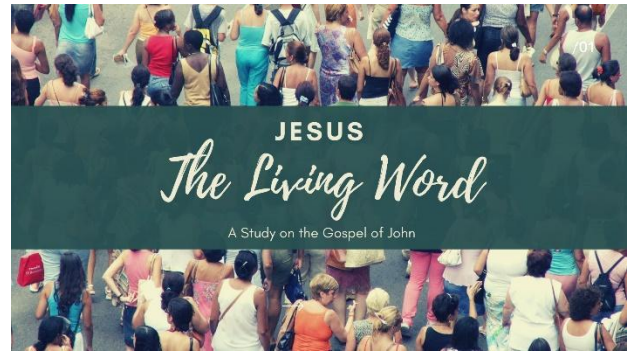
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *Where did Jesus go to baptize? Geographically who was baptizing in the southern region, and who the northern region of Judea? Did Jesus baptize people in this passage? (Hint: John 4:2)*

- 2) *What can we learn about the time Jesus spent with His disciples in this passage? What was He doing?*

- 3) *What is significant about John and Jesus as one increases at the decrease of another?*

- 4) *What was John's joy? Is this your joy today?*

- 5) *What does "gives the Spirit without measure" mean? Is this for us today? Explain yes or no.*

- 6) **BONUS:**
 - a. *How was Jesus, who was fully God and fully man, resourced to live, serve, and proclaim the Gospel?*
 - b. *How are faith and obedience one and the same? What happens if you have one without the other?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time read John Chapter 4:1-45.**