

RESETTING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 3:22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

BI: I must decrease, and [Jesus](#) must increase.

NOTES:

1. Expectations make all the difference –
2. Stewardship is for a purpose and for a season –
3. The role of the “friend” of the bridegroom –
4. The superiority of Jesus’ testimony and your response –

Application In Community



Welcome to Grace: With the masks no longer a requirement, are you feeling excited? Relieved? Like it is time to do activities again with people? We here at Grace would love to facilitate you getting back into community relationships with people.

Community: The Bible teaches that we were made in the image of GOD. And biblically speaking, GOD is a Loving Tri-une Communal GOD who desires to know you. The Father loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to share with the world who GOD is and what heaven is like. And for you who believe, GOD gives the Holy Spirit to dwell in your heart so that you can commune with GOD the Father and GOD the Son through GOD the Spirit, One GOD in three persons, the Trinity.

At Grace, we model our relationships after Trinitarian relationships. This is one reason we are in the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings – so that we can learn from Jesus about living in a loving, GOD honoring community. Our small groups exist to help foster this kind of biblical community. If you would like to learn more about our Life Groups or Home Communities, connect Tiea at the info desk or via email tieah@gracechurchseattle.org –

Application Qs:

1. Share a time when you had certain expectations and you were disappointed. [After sharing, answer the question: If you had different expectations, do you believe your response of disappointment would have been different?]
 2. Read John 3:22-30 – the disciples of John felt threatened by Jesus’ popularity. Why did John the Baptist respond the way that he did?
 3. If you were John, would you have had the same response?
 4. What can you learn from John’s response concerning expectations and how to engage those situations without envy?
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