

# Encountering Christ: John the Baptist 1

Life Group Questions – February 5, 2012

**Pastor Steve – (John 1:19-34)**



## **Connect**

1. Describe yourself without referring to your appearance, career, or accomplishments.
2. How would you describe God to a person who has never heard?

## **Study**

1. In your readings in the Gospels, what has been your impression of John the Baptist? For further study see: Matthew 3:1-17, 11:1-18; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22, 7:18-25 (especially v. 28). List what you learn about John the Baptist.
2. Read John 1:19-28. What impresses you about John in this conversation with the religious leaders? Why do you think John quotes Isaiah 40:3?
3. How would you describe John's mission in your own words?
4. The word "witness" or "testimony" occurs 47 times in this Gospel, what does that say about John's focus in this book?
5. What can we learn from him when it comes to our own lives and ministries?
6. Read John 1:29-34. In what ways does John describe Jesus? List the ways Jesus is described. What do they convey and why are they important?
7. Going Deeper on the meaning "Lamb of God." Read Exodus 12:1-14 together. How does Jesus Christ fit John's description as the "lamb of God?" How does His sacrifice parallel the OT Passover?
8. What does John teach us about taking "second" place? Where do you need to do this more in your life?
9. How are we called, like John, to prepare for the Lord's coming? How are you doing this? How can you improve in this area?

## **Pray**

As you wrap up your gathering, have a volunteer pray that we would be a people that prepare for the Lord's coming personally and helping others prepare too.