



## Sermon Discussion Guide

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

### **Key Point: We build our identity on Jesus**

#### **Life Sharing: (answer one)**

1. What social group were you a part of in High School or college?
2. What are the situations or places that make you feel anxious or uncomfortable?

#### **Transition / Open in prayer**

3. What is one character trait in your life that your faith in Jesus has transformed or refined?

#### **Life Examination:**

READ John 3:22-36

4. Why was baptism so important to the Jewish people of the 1<sup>st</sup> century?
5. How does John the Baptist's illustration in verse 29 capture what he is trying to communicate to his disciples?
6. What has Jesus seen and heard? (verse 32)
7. What does verse 36 mean? How did people reject Jesus?

READ 1 John 5:7-12

8. What is the testimony the three agree about? [The three are the Holy Spirit (Spirit), the symbol of Jesus' baptism (water), and the reality of Jesus' death on the cross (blood).]
9. What is the life John is writing about in verses 11 & 12?

#### **Life Application:**

10. Have you been baptized? Why or why not?
11. What is one thing that you have received from heaven, something that you believe God has given to you?
12. Jesus is life, according to the testimony of God that John writes about in 1 John 5. What are the ways we receive life from Jesus?
13. How can a person make themselves less and Jesus more? What are some practical ways to make that a reality in our real lives?
14. What are the things or people that battle with Jesus for first place in our lives?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and ask Jesus to take first place in your everyday life.