

Series Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

August 8, 2021

John 3:22-36

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. John's baptism was a kind of purification as a preparation for salvation. The Jews believed in purification too. What might be the dispute about the meaning of this baptism (consider that the Jews have a works based religion).
2. Jesus's baptism was probably like John's. It was probably not our baptism to symbolize our salvation, but one of purification. How might it be different from John's?
 - a. Why would that lead people to go to Jesus instead of John?
 - b. What are some other reasons for going to Jesus instead of John?
3. Did John still have a purpose?
4. What attitude does John display in verse 29?
 - a. How can we apply that to our own lives?
5. What does verse 30 tell us about what needs to happen with us for Jesus to be glorified?
6. In verses 31-34, Jesus is from above, but no one receives his testimony. How is the thinking of the Jews so different that they don't understand what Jesus is saying?
 - i. How is that true today?
7. In verse 36, for those who don't believe in Jesus, God's wrath **remains** on them. Why is it important to understand that nonbelievers are "condemned already" (verse 18)?
 - a. Why would that be confusing to the Jews?
8. How much do you think you see the world through God's logic (from above)?
 - a. Has your logic changed over the years to align more with God's view?