

He Becomes Greater

RELATE

What words from Sunday's service linger in your heart and mind?

Growing up, did you ever lose or have to share a friend because of the new kid on the block? How did you feel and respond to that situation?

Who has been a John the Baptist in your life? How did he/she prepare you to meet Jesus?

READ & REFLECT

John 3:22-36

What argument was brought to John's disciples? Instead of asking John to judge the disagreement, his followers lodged a complaint. What was the problem? What was really behind their frustration?

Since Jesus had now begun His ministry, why would John continue to baptize? Why didn't John become a disciple of Jesus? What was John's work given to him by God? Did Jesus' arrival on the scene change his job or make it unnecessary? (See verses 27 and 28.)

Who is the bride? The bridegroom? The friend of the bridegroom? Who belongs to whom? What is the role and proper response of each to the others?

Instead of feeling dismayed by a seemingly failing ministry, John is overjoyed to hear that Jesus was becoming the more popular choice. John continued to point his disciples to Jesus with his testimony. What comparisons did he give between himself and Christ? Who is the greater? List other ways that Jesus is greater.

Holy habits help us to have an intimate relationship with God so that He can transform us and change us into what the world needs to see. What were the four disciplines mentioned in the sermon? How were each of these defined? How do they work together? What is the purpose of these disciplines? How can they become effective in our lives?

How are these disciplines like nourishment? What must be decided upon and chosen?

Think about what *you* think about. How can our thoughts be powerful?

Which do you take more seriously, time or eternity? What precautions can you take to avoid a disordered heart and a mediocre faith?

RESPOND

Memorize "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me." John 15:4

Challenge We grow most when we position ourselves nearest to God and His truth. What new habits will you begin this week to help you abide in Jesus?

