

Getting Jesus Right

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | John 3:22–36

NOTE: As a guide, use these questions to help with group and family discussion, or for personal reflection. Not all questions are needed. Select the ones that will best serve your group as you grow in Christ together through His Word. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

Ice Breaker

Describe a time when you caught yourself comparing your life with someone else (perhaps from a post on social media). Why is this so easy to do?

Understanding the Text in Context

Read John 2:18-21 and John 3:3-4. How were people misunderstanding Jesus? How were they getting Jesus wrong?

Connecting to Jesus and His Gospel

Our text this week helps us with “Getting Jesus Right.” To accomplish that, what is John’s intention for his hearers in John 3:30? Read Phil 2:5-10 for more of Jesus’ story. What did Jesus do when he “humbled himself”? What was the result?

In Luke 9:23, Jesus says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me”. How does this passage teach us what it means to surrender to Jesus? What is the joy in surrendering? How can John have joy (John 3:29)?

Living Out the Truth

The passage emphasizes that all that we have is God’s — every good thing in our life is a gift and

grace of God (John 3:27). How do we let comparison take away from appreciating these gifts? What are some specific areas in which you struggle with comparison? Describe a time when contentment trumped comparison.

Read Daniel 3:14-18. What are the two outcomes that the three friends mention? What is most important to them as they face the fiery furnace? How could such clarity and courage be multiplied in your life to further contentment?

Do you feel that your plans for your life are from God or from your own will? What would it look like to submit your desires and will unto God? How do we see that demonstrated in this passage by John the Baptist?

As you read Colossians 1:15-17, describe the phrases Paul writes to emphasize the greatness of Jesus. Since Jesus is supreme, why is it often so easy to pick and choose whether we obey what He says?

Pray for one another to all the more “get Jesus right” as you “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet 3:18) through a life of faithful obedience (John 3:35-36).

Parenting Moment and Family Focus

We often look at our lives with “main character energy.” As Christ followers, Jesus is the main character, and our job is to help point people to Him. He must become greater, and we must become less. What’s one thing we can do as a family to make much of Jesus this week? Pray together that God would honor that effort and that Jesus would “increase.”

Further Study

Read a couple of articles: “[Contentment in a Discontented World](#)” and “[Cultivating Contentment](#).” Watch the first video in a series by Melissa Kruger: “[Biblical Contentment](#).”

For a deeper dive on this phrase and a model of good biblical interpretation, read “[The Voice of the Bridegroom](#).”

Looking ahead to next week’s Sermon and Text: Read the three sections in the Scripture Journals for John 4:1-26: “A Well of History,” “Living Water,” and “Spirit and Truth.”