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John 1:29-34

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SERMON NOTES

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 52)

1 Corinthians 10:31 (Godly Living)
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Getting to know me: What are some of your favorite Christmas traditions?

Note about the passage: John the Baptist is the cousin of Jesus. There is a good chance that they knew each other as children and were even friends. John the Baptist's parents (Zechariah and Elizabeth) knew that their son was meant to prepare the way for the Lord. They also knew Jesus' identity as the Messiah. You can read the story of John and his family in Luke 1.

Read John 1:29-34

S What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O What do you think the title "lamb of God" means? Why is it significant?

O What do you think the title "son of God" means? Why is it significant?

O What do you think John meant when he said "I myself did not know him" in verses 31 and 33? (see the 'note about the passage' above for context to this question)

How might John's expectations of God's plan have caused him to overlook Jesus?

A If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A Do you have any expectations of God or his plans that are causing you to overlook Jesus? Is there anything that you're needing or wanting from God but it just isn't happening the way you think it should so you're overlooking Jesus' true identity? What would it look like to bring that specific issue to Jesus - the Lamb of God and the Son of God?

P Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.