



SERMON GUIDE

**HE > I**

John 3:22-36

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**SERMON NOTES**

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

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 16)**  
James 1:12 (Trials)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

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## Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever been surprised by unexpected evidence or proof of something you didn't believe? How did that experience affect your perspective and what did you learn?

### Read John 3:22-36

- S** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Why might John's disciples be concerned about everyone going to Jesus? What do you think was at stake for them?
- O** What does John understand his role to be in the kingdom of God? Why might this be a hard role for John's followers to accept?
- O** Considering this story about John the Baptist's disciples and their concerns, what do you think John (the author of the book of John) is trying to say in vs. 31-36?
- 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** Are there any ways that you identify with John the Baptist's disciples? Is this passage convicting, challenging, or encouraging to you in that relationship/circumstance?
- A** "He must become greater; I must become less." (v.30). What areas or relationships in your life would benefit from mirroring John the Baptist's statement? What can you do this week to practice making Jesus greater and yourself less?
- A** Are there any ways that you need to believe the Son and turn from rejecting him in your life?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.

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:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him