



WEEK THREE PREPARING THE WAY

John 1:6-8

DISCUSSION 1

John the Baptizer was a precursor of Jesus. He was a unique individual and was not the Apostle John, the author of this book.

1. Read the following passages to learn more about John the Baptizer (Matt. 3:1, Luke 1:57, Matt. 14:1).
2. In the book of Luke, we see a full account of God's work in John's life, before he was even born. What can we glean from the idea that John the Baptizer was sent from God?
3. How was John faithful to his calling?

DISCUSSION 2

John was a witness. He was not called to talk about himself, but rather to prepare the way for another. Being a witness was his task, calling, and privilege.

1. To what or to whom was John to witness? What is the difference between the words "about the light" and "through Him" (v. 7)?
2. One important word in this passage is "that" (v. 7). Why is it important? What was the purpose of John's witness? Did any believe as a result of his work?
3. What are some responses we could have concerning John's life? How should his example impact the way we live?

DISCUSSION 3

During John's life, many people thought he was the promised Messiah of Israel. While he was clearly not the Messiah, John was an important aspect of God's witness.

1. Read Matt. 11:1-6. Did John ever doubt that Jesus was the Messiah? Does that encourage you?
2. God sent a witness to the world through John. What should our response be to God, in light of that truth? Who was the first witness to tell you about Jesus? Who, in turn, have you witnessed to?
3. How can you be a better witness today?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever played the game Telephone? Play this whisper-messaging game as a family. Then, compare the differences between the final message and the original message. Use this to teach your children how easy it is to witness inaccurately. Pray together that your family will love Jesus well and present Him well to others.
2. Talk about one person your family knows who does not believe in Jesus. Pray for God to present you with opportunities to witness to that person. Pray that God will work in and through that interaction to help bring that person to faith.

APPLICATION

Individual: Take an evangelism class to help refresh your desire and equip yourself to share Christ with others. Visit yourchurch.com/howtoshare to register for the our November evangelism class.

Group: Whether in your Small Group or among friends, spend time sharing your testimony of salvation. End your time by thanking God for all He has done to draw you to Himself.