

Life Group Discussion Guide
An Interview with John the Baptist
John 1:6-8, 19-34

John the Baptizer

1. John the Baptizer is introduced in 1:6-8. What important details do you notice about him from these verses?

2. Identify the phrase in each passage below which describes John's ministry.

John 1:7 -

John 1:8 -

John 1:15 -

John 1:19 -

John 1:32 -

John 1:34 -

3. Each Christian can describe themselves in similar terms. Where or to whom do you see God sending you to be a witness of the "Light"? What is your greatest obstacle to being a greater witness for Jesus?

4. Read John 1:19-28. What do you notice about John's response to the question of his identity?

5. Read John 1:29-34. Answer the following questions.

- What title does John use to describe Jesus in v. 29? What is the significance of this title?
- Why is Jesus greater than John (v. 30)?
- Read Matthew 3:13-17. Comparing this passage with John 1:32-34, what was the importance of this experience for John?

6. God could have chosen a number of different ways to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. Why use a human witness instead of some other supernatural means?

7. John diverted attention away from himself and focused on Jesus. Consider your own "story" of conversion. In what way(s) can you tell that story so that Jesus receives the attention and focus?

Praying For Each Other

- Share ways you could pray for one another in your calling as a witness of Jesus.
- Share personal needs which the group can help you pray about.
- Makes plans for the next Life Group time on February 19.