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John 3:30



Bible Study:



Read John 3:22-36. Imagine how John's ministry has really picked up steam. He was an enigma, and he brought with him a message of hope that resonates with the yearning of the heart – a wanting of **something more and something better**. And as a result, he had a growing collection of followers (disciples). Problem is, John's disciples started to think the '*something more and something better*' they were looking for could be found in their ministry of baptizing. They were part of something big and exciting and actually jealous that Jesus was stealing the focus away from them.

The gospel in the story:



Understanding John's statement Jesus must be pre-eminent in our lives. The notion that **He** MUST become more (and more and MORE every day), and that the old-worldly-self MUST become less is a matter of spiritual life and death. John the Baptizer (who was the first Martyr for the Kingdom of Jesus), Did not mince words: ³¹ The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³ Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴ For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

Application

Head: Q&A key points:

Q: Why were John the Baptizers disciples jealous of Jesus: A: They didn't understand his Greatness.

Q: What metaphor did John the Baptizer use to compare himself to Jesus? A:

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

Discuss how the attitude of John the Baptizer's disciples is easy to come by; PRIDE is always crouching!

Home: How does this affect our household?

List the worldly accomplishments in your family that could easily become sources of PRIDE, and get in the way of being Jesus' BEST Celebrator!

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

List the people in your life who don't yet know Jesus AND would attest to the notion that Jesus is the most important person/thing in your life.