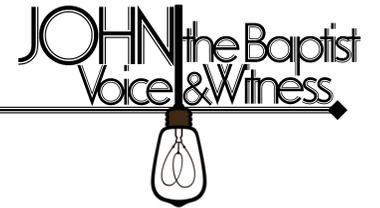


for the younger listeners

Draw a picture of John pointing Jesus out to his listeners (1:29).
Be sure to show me what you drew afterward!

John 1:6-9, 19-34
February 14, 2016



1. A Man Sent from God

- His ORIGINS
- His PURPOSE

2. John the Witness

- Witnesses established LEGAL truth
- Witnesses made a PERSONAL commitment
- Witnesses in John
- John's Role as Witness
 - ◇ Not ELIJAH
 - ◇ Not the New MOSES
 - ◇ NAMELESS Voice for the Coming King

discussion questions

3. Purpose of the Testimony— That All Might Believe

- John's Baptism
 - ◊ Universal NEED for Christ
 - ◊ Preparing the WAY for Christ

4. Christ as Light & Lamb

- Light for ALL & Lamb for the WORLD
- Confirmed by REVELATION to John
- The Son of God

"...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

-John 20:31

1. John wants us to read his Gospel and believe two things about Jesus, with a result of that faith (see verse above). What are those 2 beliefs and result? Where in this sermon's text do you find those mentioned or implied?
2. Matthew, Mark, & Luke each describe more about John the Baptist's personal background and way of life. John largely omits these details to focus on John the Baptist's role as a witness to Christ. Why does he do this? How does this choice of content help John achieve his goal in writing?
3. Why does John focus on John the Baptist as a "witness?" How does this tie into John's purpose for his Gospel?
4. Read 2 Cor. 4:1-6. In what ways is Paul's ministry similar to John the Baptist's?
5. In thinking through the sermon text and the 2 Cor. passage, what is your role and my role as it relates to the world around us and Jesus? Think of a person with whom you have regular contact to whom you can be a witness this week...then do it!