

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: *John 3:22-30*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What can we learn about discipleship from Jesus' example in verse 22?
3. How were the baptisms of John and the baptisms of Jesus the same or different at this point?
4. What more can you learn about the character of John the Baptist' from the account of his imprisonment in Matthew 14:3-12?
5. People flocked to John the Baptist, yet he constantly turned that attention to Christ. What are some practical ways that we can grow in this sort of devoted humility?
6. Read Ephesians 5:25-27 along with verse 29. Who is the groom, and who is the bride spoken of here? What impact does that have on your relationship with Christ?
7. After reading this passage, culminating with John's statement in verse 30, can you think of any ways churches risk making themselves greater and God less, even with the best of intentions?

Make sure to take time this week to contact your fellow Life Group members. As our physical separation increases it becomes all the more important to be there for one another spiritually and emotionally.

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John 3:22-30 / Ben Orchard / March 29, 2020

OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Potluck & Congregational Meeting is postponed until a later date.

KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you thinking of volunteering during the summer with VBC Kids? Now is the time to plan ahead. The **Children's Ministry is in need of check-in and Summer volunteers**. Contact Jennifer Dokken (jennifer@spokanevbc.org) for more info.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Join our weekly e-newsletter! Each week, Afterthoughts features thoughts from the pastors, up-to-date information on events & announcements, and life group questions. Visit our home page at spokanevbc.org and scroll down to subscribe.

PRAYER

Send us your Praise & Prayer requests online at spokanevbc.org/prayer.

LIFE GROUPS

Even though Life Groups will not be meeting until the start of the new semester after Easter, we will still be making available the weekly Life Group questions. Utilize them for personal study as you continue to worship with the church, even though we are separated by physical distance. We would also encourage you to find ways such as phone calls, texts, and video conferencing to discuss and engage with the questions among your Life Group as a way to maintain fellowship and continue to grow together in Christ despite the current circumstances.

As we all know, life is still happening -- physical distance or not. Stay in contact, pray, identify and meet needs, and be there for one another. Now is when we need it most!

THOSE IN NEED

Please communicate with us if you have financial needs or know of someone who does. Because of your generosity and faithfulness in giving, we have enough financial reserves to pay our staff, pay the bills, and help those who are in need. Many have given specifically to assist anyone in financial distress. We are thankful for all those who continue to give at this time and stand ready to help those who cannot.



BRIDGE MINISTRY

Bridge Ministries provides pastoral, biblically based counseling free of charge to our church and the community. It is the guided process of applying biblical wisdom to the hurt in our lives, aimed at bridging the gap between you and your joy. Visit spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries, or contact Pastor Chad Ingalls, our full-time Pastor of Counseling, at bridgeministries@spokanevbc.org for more information.

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GIVING REPORT

General: March \$61,369 / YTD \$208,584
Building Fund: Given \$1,075,966 / Loan Remaining Balance \$675,414