

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 1:19-34

Your Service Should Point to Jesus

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1. When you serve, people will oppose you - vv.19-22

- a. Who are the ones opposing John the Baptist?
- b. Does anything stand out about John's opposition?
- c. What are the three criteria the opposition wanted to verify about John the Baptist's ministry?

2. When you serve, know it's not about you - vv.23-28

- a. How did John the Baptist respond to those questioning him?
- b. What does John the Baptist's response say about his ministry?
- c. Why did John the Baptist respond by saying he wasn't worthy to untie Jesus' sandals?

3. When you serve, make sure people see Jesus - vv. 29-34

- a. What is the importance of John the Baptist calling Jesus the "Lamb of God"?
- b. How did the sacrificial system play a role in pointing to the Messiah?
- c. Why is it important for John to point out the Holy Spirit's arrival?
- d. For more information on prophecy of the Holy Spirit:
 - i. Isaiah 42:1
 - ii. Ezekiel 36-37
 - iii. Joel 2:29
 - iv. Acts 2:14-37

4. *Applications*

- a. *Based on this study of John the Baptist what did you learn?*
- b. *How does the story of John the Baptist encourage you to live your life?*
- c. *How can you help the church extend the gospel in your area of influence?*