

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Matthew 11:1-19

Getting Started

Flowers are beginning to bloom. What do you like best about Spring?

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 11:1-6.** Why do you think John the Baptist was beginning to doubt whether or not Jesus was really the Messiah?
2. What did John do with his doubts? What lesson can we learn from his example?
3. How did Jesus answer John's question?
4. **Read Matthew 11:7-15.** In what ways did Jesus commend John the Baptist? What character qualities did he identify?
5. In what sense was John great? (v. 11)
6. In what sense is the least Christian greater?
7. How was John the Baptist like Elijah? (cf. Malachi 4:5)
8. **Read Matthew 11:16-19.** How were the people of Jesus' day like children in the marketplace who would not dance or mourn?
9. How did some people respond to the ministry of John? (18)
10. How did some respond to the ministry of Jesus? (19)
11. How does Christ's example of children playing in the marketplace illustrate the way people rejected both him and John?



Getting Personal

- Jesus commended John, in spite of his doubts – yet he criticized the people of his generation who didn't believe. Why the difference?
- What should we do with our doubts?
- How can Jesus' answer to John help us with our doubts?