

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Meekness is Not a Weakness” John 3:26-30 July 20, 2019

Getting Started

As Christians, when you understand that you are called to be a **REBEL** “with a cause”, your mission becomes clear, and your life points to Christ.

In our youth and teen years, many of us rebelled against the rules and values of our parents. We were rebels without a cause. But as we mature in our faith, we can become very intentional rebels with a cause. **If you had to describe what the mission of your life is, what would you say? How does your life point to Christ?**

Going Deeper:

I. **A Competition Corrected:** *“Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan.... he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”* (Vs. 26)

John’s disciples thought that Jesus was the competition. John knew Jesus was the Christ, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and promises. **As you try to live on mission, how can you get distracted by competing with other Christians who are using their gifts in ways that may be similar or dissimilar to yours?**

II. **A Contentment C demonstrated:** *“A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heavenI am not the Christ...”* (Vs. 27-28)

John was not in the business of acquiring titles, honors, or riches. He knew that “every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father” (James 1:17). John knew he was here to ‘run in his lane’. He knew what he was not, and he knew who he was. **How do you see yourself? Do you know what your unique contribution to the kingdom of God is? What is it that you do best?**

III. **A Ceremony Celebrated:** “...rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice.”
(Vs. 29)

When we attend a wedding, we know that the focal point of the room is on the couple getting married. The bridesmaids and groomsmen are important, but they stand to the sides for a reason. This day is not about them. It is about the groom and bride. As the groom makes his vows, the sound of his voice causes great joy to his ‘best man’. John the Baptist sees himself in the role of ‘best man’ and says he finds great joy in hearing and seeing Jesus ‘the bridegroom’ accepting His bride, the church (all people who trust in Jesus for salvation and supernatural life both now and forever). See John 10:10. **How does knowing that Jesus has come to save you and give you ‘life to the fullest’ affect you?**

IV. **A Calling Completed:** “Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.”
(Vs.29)

John the Baptist knows that the main point of his earthly existence has come to fruition. He was sent ahead to ready the people of Israel to receive their King/Savior/Messiah Jesus. Now that Jesus is on the scene and beginning to reveal Himself and His plan for people, John knows it is time to step aside. His next phrase is life altering both for him and for us. ‘He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease.’ **How would you explain what this means in your life? What does this teach you about humility, submission, and obedience to Jesus?**

Kingdom Principle: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (Vs. 30)

1. The “Must” of a sinner: “...must be born again” (John 3:7)
2. The “Must” of a Savior: “so must the Son of Man be lifted up” (John 3:14)
3. The “Must” of a servant: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

Kingdom Character: Meekness

Take Away: In order to experience the fullness of joy in Christ we must become less in order that He can become greater. Life is not about the glory of our name, but the fame of His name.