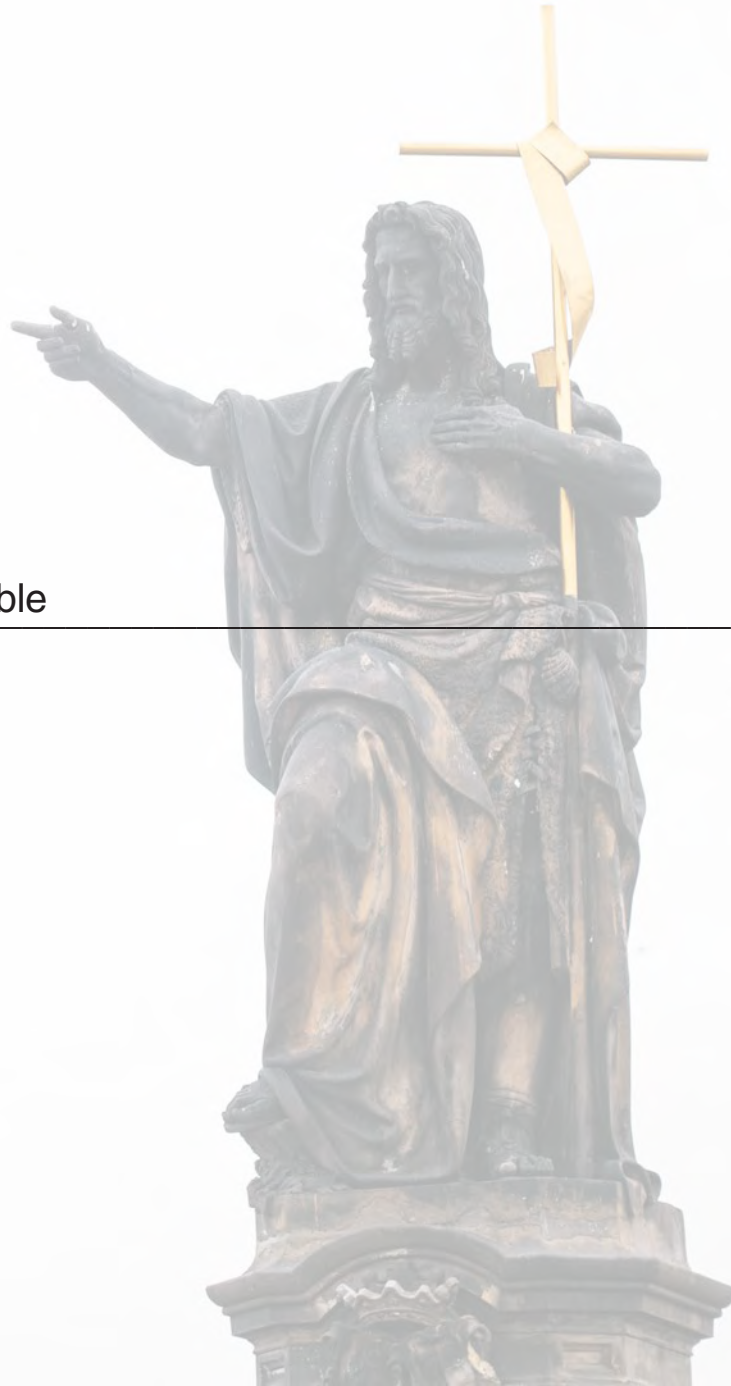


The Hero

“ What Made John the Baptist So Great? ”

1. He Told People About Jesus vv. 6-7

2. He Was Humble vv. 8, 15



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 1:6-7. What does it mean that John came to "bear witness to the light"? (c.f. vv.4-5)
- What does "believe through him" imply? In what way does this describe the greatness of John?
- How does this essentially relate to every Christian today? (c.f. Romans 10:15) How can you step into Point #1?

Point #2

- Read John 1:8, 15. Explain the distinction being made between John and Jesus? Why was this necessary?
- What does this imply about the tendencies of people in spiritual matters? How does Point #2 relate?
- In what way can you fall into this same trap? How can Point #2 help you with Point #1? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Luke 1:5-24, 2 Kings 1:7-8, Matthew 3:1-4

- In what way was the birth of John unique? Be specific. How was it also miraculous?
- Why was John's appearance unique? What did it ultimately represent to a Jew at that time?
- How was John's birth ultimately pointing to his greatness? How does this change your view of John?

TUESDAY // Read John 1:6-7, Matthew 11:11a, Romans 10:15

- What does it mean that John the Baptist came to "bear witness to the light"? How does it relate to the Gospel?
- What does this highlight about Jesus viewing John as the "greatest"? How does this relate to Christianity today?
- In what way do you think Christians have redefined spiritual greatness? How does this challenge you?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1:6-7, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- What does it imply when you consider that John was the first one to tell people about Jesus? (i.e., no training)
- How does the Apostle Paul highlight this same truth when it comes to sharing your faith? (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)
- In what way might you have complicated talking about Jesus? How will sharing what you know be sufficient?

THURSDAY // Read John 1:8, 15, 3:30-31, Acts 18:24-25

- How did John view his role in relation to the role of Jesus? Why was this important?
- In what way could John have drawn attention to himself? How did he balance a passion and a humility?
- Many believe that John 1:8 relates to people who had elevated John the Baptist. How can this happen today?

FRIDAY // Read John 1:8, 15, Luke 9:43-48

- Why do you think throughout the ministry of John the Baptist he had to clarify who he wasn't?
- What does this imply about our tendencies to elevate people? How do you see this taking place today?
- How did Jesus teach this same principle to the disciples? What adjustment does God want you to make?

SATURDAY // Read John 1:6-8, 15, 30

- In what way has someone been a John the Baptist in your life? What specifically did they say or do?
- What does this highlight about the call of every Christian today? How is this happening for you?
- Describe how you can be a John the Baptist to someone in your life. What practical steps will you take?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.