

Come and See

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WARM UP QUESTION: Which characteristics in a person encourage you to follow them?

READ: John 3:22-36

FOCUS: In our passage, we will answer whether it is good for Jesus to increasingly become the focal point of our lives, families, work and world.

OBSERVE:

Heaven has determined Jesus is the focus. (3:27-28)

There is nothing better than Jesus and what He gives. (3:34, 36)

- He gives God's words (3:34). His words are life-giving, help us understand our purpose, and provide real answers to real problems.
- He gives the Spirit to change us from the inside out and to empower us (3:34).
- He gives a life that is full and joy-filled characterized by freedom, purpose, joy, peace, right living, forgiveness and everlasting existence with Him (3:31, 35, 36).

Jesus becomes the focal point of our lives, families and world when we decrease and Jesus increases as the focal point of our lives (3:30).

- We can decrease by repenting of focusing too much on culture rather than God's word. We also decrease when we repent of focusing on our strengths and weaknesses rather than on what Jesus accomplished on the cross for us.
- When Jesus increases as the focal point of our lives, we receive His marvelous gift of grace and mercy. We honor Him and His word rather than bowing to public opinions and pursuing our own comfort.

When we decrease, refusing to focus on ourselves, and Jesus increases as the focal point of our lives, we can have the fullness of life, or joy of life (Matthew 10:39).

REFLECT:

- What are things that the world encourages us to make the focal points of our lives, apart from Jesus?
- What are some of the things that you have made the focal point of your life other than Jesus?
- What specific areas in your life need to change in order for Jesus to be the focal point?

TAKE ACTION:

Write down one practical action step you can take for Jesus to increase as the focal point of your life. Share it with someone else in your life group, or Go Team, or another Christian friend.

PRAY:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Forgive us for the many ways we have tried to increase ourselves rather than allowing Jesus to increase as the focal point of our lives. By the power of Your Spirit, help us to make Jesus the center of everything we do and say. And let glorifying Your Son be the primary motivation in every area of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

