

The Ministry of John the Baptist

I. Born of Water and of the Spirit

- A. Born of Water
- B. Born of the Spirit
- C. The context of “Water and Spirit”

II. Ministry Competition

- A. John’s disciples report that many are coming to Jesus for baptism
- B. John understood his role
- C. Competition and Christianity

III. Humility of John the Baptist

- A. John finds joy in Jesus’ pleasure
- B. He must increase, I must decrease
- C. John in context

**THIS IS OFFICIALLY THE 10TH WEEK OF THE 2019
WINTER/SPRING G3 SESSION
(March 10th-16th)**

REMINDER TO G3 MEMBERS:

Now that we are hopefully past the bad winter weather, we'd like to remind G3 members that it is very important to attend the majority of your group meetings. Why? We feel attendance is needed to have better connection, continuity, & comradery. Remember, especially if meeting in homes, not to stay too late after the end of meetings.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

* For those who like sports, who's your favorite rival and why? Not a sports fan, then share a rivalry you've come to appreciate in movies, books, etc. or even in your own life perhaps?

* What stood out to you from this past Sunday's service?

DIGGING DEEPER – Have the group read John 3:22-36

1* John 3:22-23 These verses tell us that John the Baptist baptized at Aenon (ay-nun) simply "*because there was much water there.*" How do we at times make ministering for God more complicated?

2* John 3:25-26 – Without sharing too many personal details, how have you seen competition affect people or perhaps yourself? Do you see competition affecting church ministries? If so, how?

3* John 3:27-30 – What can we as Christians learn from John the Baptist's attitude and response to his disciples?

4* The Must(s) of John 3:

- The Sinner's must: you must _____ (John 3:7)
- The Savior's must: so must the Son of Man _____ (John 3:14)
- The Sovereign's must: He must _____ (John 3:30)
- The Servant's must: I must _____ (John 3:30)
(credit for "Must" chart given to David Guzik)

5* Verses John 3:30 Looking specifically at this verse – how does this motto go counter to today's culture?

TAKING IT HOME - John 3:31-36

(Answer on your own or in the G3 meeting)

John 3:32 reads "*And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies;*" List the last thing you witnessed God doing in your life or around you that you could testify to? If you can't list anything, why do you suppose that is? shared your love for Jesus in front of non-believers.

PRAYER REQUESTS (be sure to save 15-30 minutes for prayer)

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Community Service Project Opportunity

Faith In Action has a client who needs carpet in her bedroom replaced with a floating laminate floor. If any G3 would like to take this on, please contact the office (816-279-2090)
