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Our Cause is Christ

Discussion Guide
August 19, 2018
John 3:22-30

Questions for Study

** Before you begin, please read John 3:22-30 as a group.

1. List a few different "causes" that people align themselves with. Why are people often drawn to a cause that's bigger than themselves?
2. When you're invited to be a part of a cause that's bigger than yourself, how do you filter that request? What makes a cause "worthy"?
3. What are some primary obstacles that can keep people from aligning with something bigger than themselves?
4. Read John 3:22-26 and summarize what's going on. What are some of the ways John the Baptist *could have responded when he learned that "everyone is going to Jesus"*?
5. How would you have been tempted to respond, if you had been in John the Baptist's place?
6. How did John the Baptist actually respond?
7. What was it about Jesus that made John respond the way he did? (For a little more background on how John understood his relationship with Jesus, you may want to read John 1:29-30.)
8. What character qualities and convictions do you think John needed to have, to respond the way he does here?
9. One of the things we want to keep front and center at Brookside is that "our cause is Christ." For this, we need to (1) practice humility and (2) have a big view of Jesus. What practical steps can you take to grow in each of these two areas?
10. "Jesus' greatness is for our good." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?
11. How do the rest of the Gospels (or any other passages you can think of in Scripture) prove that Jesus' greatness is for our good? Imagine you had to explain this to a friend and summarize what you'd say.
12. What is one truth that has captured your attention in a special way from this passage? What will you do to apply this truth in your everyday life?
13. Challenge: Memorize John 3:30: "He must become greater; I must become less."