

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## JOHN 3:31-36

### DISCUSSION 1: CHRIST'S SUPREMACY

1. Read through John 3:31-36. Identify at least five things these verses tell us about Jesus.
2. What things in your life—good things, idols, temptations—compete with Jesus for supremacy when it comes to authority, affection, and time?
3. Are there any trials, struggles, frustrations, or challenges you're walking through in this season? How might you rest in the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus?
4. As we approach 2019, what specific things can you do so that Christ is exalted in your life?

### DISCUSSION 2: RESPONSE

1. What are some statements from John 3 highlighting the importance of belief?
2. From our time in John, what are reasons people do not receive God's testimony through Jesus (3:32) or don't believe in him (3:36)? Where might some of these same things show up in the heart of a believer when they don't want to obey God's truth?
3. Read John 3:34; 5:24, 39-46; 6:63; 15:7; 17:6-8, 14-17. What does it look like to "receive the words of God" (3:34)? How is receiving the words of God different from simply hearing, reading, or knowing them?
4. What do you personally do each week to not only read God's Word but also to receive it and live in light of it? Is there anything you might want to do different this week?

### DISCUSSION 3: SENT

1. What are a few reasons Jesus was sent to earth for us?
2. In what ways or for what reasons does Jesus then send us as his followers into the world?
3. What are opportunities you might have this Christmas season to share with others the words of Jesus and the love of Jesus?

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What does the Bible tell us about Jesus that helps us know he is God?
2. What's the difference between hearing God's Word and receiving it?
3. What are blessings we receive from God when we believe on Jesus?

## APPLICATION

- **Group:** Share with your group those people in your life who do not believe in Jesus that you want to be more evangelistic with. What are ways you might build that relationship or take it to the next level by telling them about Jesus? Spend time as a group praying for these people and for the love and boldness to share Christ this Christmas season.
- **Individual:** Join others at College Park Church by reading through the 2018 Advent booklet, "[All Things New](#)." Included is a daily reading plan with questions, as well as a weekly hymn, recipes, activities, and recommended resources. Read through a daily Old Testament and New Testament passage connected to the theme of each Sunday's passage.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Divinity of Jesus:** Col. 1:15-17; 2:9; Luke 22:70; John 10:30; 20:28.
- **Humanity of Jesus:** 1 Tim. 2:5; Gal. 4:4; John 4:6; 11:35; Heb. 4:15.
- **Continue reading** through the Advent guide "[All Things New](#)." You can download it online or via the enews, or you can grab one on a Sunday.