**JOHN 1:19-34**

**Discussion 1: The Testimony of John the Baptist**

1. In John 1:6-8 we were first introduced to John the Baptist and his mission of bearing witness to the light. What did we learn about John the Baptist from that text? What do we learn more specifically about the testimony and ministry of John the Baptist in vs 19-34?
2. Much of John’s testimony is declaring what he is not. Why did the Jews send people to ask him whether or not he was The Christ, Elijah, or The Prophet? What is the importance of declaring that he is neither of these titles?
3. Who does John the Baptist say he is? What is the significance of him quoting Is. 40:3?
4. **Application:** What are ways we can be tempted to think we are more than we are? How can we follow in John the Baptist’s footsteps by having a right view of ourselves and our ministries?

**Discussion 2: Jesus, the Lamb of God**

1. What does John the Baptist reveal about Jesus in our passage?
2. What significance does it carry that John calls Jesus the Lamb of God? What Old Testament stories or New Testament texts inform your understanding of this title? (see the “Further Study” section for help)
3. How does Jesus take away our sins? How do we know Jesus has taken away our sin? **Application:** How should this work of Jesus affect the way we view ourselves as well as those who sin against us?

**Discussion 3: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

1. John alludes to the baptism of Jesus in vs 32. How do we see the Trinity working together in this passage and at his baptism? (see the “Further Study” section for other accounts of Jesus baptism)
2. What does it mean that Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and what was different about John’s baptism ministry? When does Jesus baptize us with the Holy Spirit? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ ministry and in our salvation?
3. John the Baptist also declares that Jesus is the Son of God in our passage. Why is it important that we understand than Jesus is not just another prophet but the actual eternal Son of God?
4. **Application:** How can we seek to be trinitarian as we practice our faith? i.e. How do we honor Father, Son and Spirit as God in our confession and practice?

**Family Discipleship Questions**

1. When someone gives a compliment for something that we did (good grades, good work, good idea) how can we bring glory to God and not ourselves? Why should we do this?
2. How would you feel if you got in trouble but instead of being punished for your behavior your parents took the punishment in your place? What does it mean that Jesus takes away our sins?
3. How should we feel and act in light of what Jesus did for us?

**Further Application**

* **Individual:** What are 1-2 ways this week you can deflect glory from yourself and give glory to Jesus for the work he is doing through you?
* **Individual:** Examine your heart and ask the Lord to show you any sins that you have not confessed to the Lord or ways in which Satan tempts you to believe Jesus has not taken your sin away. Pray that the Lord would help you to believe that when you trust in Jesus he truly takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame. Consider sharing with a trusted friend if there is sin in your life that you have not given to Jesus.
* **Group:** Designate some people in the group to make a list of all the ways the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together in the book of John. Make a note of the activity of the Godhead in the life and ministry of Jesus.

**For Further Study**

* **OT Prophecies:** Is. 40:3-5, Mal. 3:1; 4:5-6, Deut. 18:15, John 4:24
* **Lamb of God:** Ex. 12:21-27, I Cor. 5:7, Heb. 10:1-14,1 Peter 1:18-19, Rev. 5:12; 21;1-3
* **Substitutionary Atonement:** Rom. 3:25, 2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 2:17, I John 4:10,
* **Holy Spirit:** John 3:5-8; 6:63; 14:26; 15:26; 16:13, Acts 1:8, Gal. 5:22-23, Eph. 1;13-14
* **Jesus’ Baptism:** Matt. 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22