

Jesus & You, Jesus & John the Baptist:

Humility

08/10/2020 Sermon

1. Read Matthew 3:13-17

- a. In what ways do you see John's humility on display here?
- b. Jesus, who was sinless submitting to a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins shows great humility, and a desire to identify with us. Are there things/tasks in your life that seem "beneath you", but you still do them for the sake of righteousness?
- c. (How) do you take correction?

2. Read John 3:22-30

- a. John does not get prideful or competitive when he learns that Jesus is also baptizing, and "everyone is going over to him." In what areas of your life do you feel a sense of rivalry? At work? At home? In your neighborhood? In the church?
- b. John said "He [Jesus] must become greater, I must become less". Do you feel that way about Jesus? In what ways do you hold up the name of Jesus instead of your own? Are you more concerned about Christ's reputation, or your own?

3. Read John 4:1-3

- a. Jesus refuses to let others stir up dissension and factions and envy between he and John. In what situations in your life can you be a (better) peace-maker? Do you stir up discord by the things you post on Social Media, or in conversations you have?
- b. In what ways can we shift our priorities in order to be more concerned about the kingdom of God rather than the kingdom(s) of this world?

4. Read Luke 7:18-30

- a. Humility says things like "I don't have all the answers", or "I have doubts about...", and then seeks to get answers. What doubts or fears do you have that you need to take to God? John the Baptist started to have doubts about Jesus, and he sent messengers to ask him about it. Are there things in the Word that you don't understand? How do you handle it when you have doubts in your faith or walk with God? Do you pray to God about them, or dig deep in the word, or talk to another disciple and ask for guidance?
- b. What relationship that you have would be greatly changed by a good talk about how you want to show humility and not pride? Is there any relationship that you could begin to repair today with a phone call or a letter in which you apologized?
- c. If you were to imitate Jesus and John in the passages discussed in this lesson, what changes would you make immediately?