

## **GO TELL**

### **Week One: Your Testimony**

#### *LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE*

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Sermon Passage(s): John 1:19-34

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### **This Week's Main Takeaway**

Our testimony matters and demonstrates life change.

### **This Week's Memory Verse**

*John 1:19-20 (NIV), "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"*

### **Five Inductive Questions**

#### **1. GOD :: What does this passage imply about God?**

Jesus is the Messiah.

In this passage, John clearly denied being the Messiah (v. 20). This puzzled the religious leaders, since he was baptizing and calling people to repentance.

"The Messiah" refers to the coming greater Son of David, predicted in the Old Testament (CSB Study Bible Notes). In verse 29, John the Baptist references Jesus as "the Lamb of God." This echoes the lamb led to the slaughter mentioned in Isaiah 53:7. The phrase "takes away the sin of the world" refers to Jesus's sacrificial, substitutionary death, which appeased God's wrath against sin and sinners (1 John 2:2; 4:10). (CSB Study Bible Notes).

When John says, "I didn't know him," he probably means he did not know that Jesus was the Messiah until he saw the sign from God mentioned in verses 32-33. (CSB Study Bible Notes)

Notice that the Spirit did not just descend on Jesus; He rested on Him—a sign of Jesus's divine anointing. In the Old Testament, the Spirit came upon people to enable them to accomplish specific tasks. Isaiah predicted that the Messiah would be full of the Spirit at all times. (CSB Study Bible Notes)

## **2. MAN :: What does this passage imply about *man*?**

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John the Baptist was not the Savior, but he was a vessel used to proclaim truth. John was a voice crying out in the wilderness: “*Make straight the way of the Lord*” (v. 23) in keeping with Isaiah’s words (Isaiah 40:3). This messenger of God was to prepare the way for the Lord’s coming by preaching repentance and divine judgment.

Our testimony matters. People can debate many things, but it is hard to debate a life that has been changed. John the Baptist would later die for his beliefs and message (along with many other disciples of Jesus). Why would he die for a lie? Notice in verse 32, John says, “*I saw...*” This is personal and real, not fake and made up. Verse 34 echoes this when it says, “*I have seen, and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.*”

## **3. PROMISE :: Is there a *promise* to claim in this passage?**

The promise is Jesus, and Him making all things new.

John 1:19-34’s main promise is found in the words, “*this is God’s Chosen One*” (v. 34). This is the pinnacle and climax of the gospel—Jesus is Messiah, Lord, and Savior, “*who takes away the sin of the world*” (v. 29b).

Dr. Stephen Wellum says, “Scripture affirms that the man Christ Jesus is also the eternal Son of God and thus God equal with the Father and Spirit. From the opening pages of the New Testament, Jesus is identified as the LORD: the One who establishes the divine rule and inaugurates the new covenant era in fulfillment of Old Testament expectation—something only God can do (Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-10).

## **4. COMMAND :: Is there a *command* to obey in this passage?**

Share your testimony.

This passage conveys the idea that sharing the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ was all that mattered to John the Baptist (v. 23a, “*I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness...*”) This was his mission, his calling, and what he was meant to do until God called him home.

*Follow John’s pattern: He saw. He was changed. He told.* Is this the pattern we follow?

**5. REPENT :: Reflecting on this portion of God's Word, what can I *repent* of this week?**

*If the gospel is Good News (and it is!), then when was the last time you shared it with someone? What is holding you back from sharing the Good News? What lies are you believing from the Enemy that is hindering you from sharing the truth?*

**Next Week's Sermon Text (April 19, 2026)**

Passage: John 3

"The message we share is transformation, not religion."

Sources:

*CSB Study Bible Notes (B&H Publishing)*