

Sermon Listening Guide (April 19, 2026)

Scripture: John 3:22-36

Sermon Title: “Testify!”

First Thoughts

John 3 tells the story of one who knew how to “stay in his lane.”

John the Baptist existed to point people to Jesus.

Temptation

In our verses, a dispute arose between followers of Jesus and followers of John the Baptist.

John was an extraordinary man who earned fame and followers.

Today’s culture tells us we should all be influencers and main characters.

Should Christians bristle at the idea of being the center of attention?

What John the Baptist Knew

Verses 27-29 show John to be humble and focused on Christ.

He knew he was created by God and subject to God’s sovereign desires.

Humility comes from the Holy Spirit, but John was a great example of that virtue.

Increase/Decrease

In verse 30, John famously declares he should decrease so Christ can increase.

Verses 31-36 remind us Jesus is of heavenly origin and with no limits.

By acting with humility and decreasing, John opened the door for Christ to increase.

We must all act with humility, so Christ remains the main character at FIFBC.

Final Thoughts

We “stay in our lane” when we point people to Jesus.

What portions of your life need to decrease so Christ can increase in you?

Who are you pointing to Jesus?