
Resources

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Matthew 11:7-15

[7] As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [8] What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. [9] What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. [10] This is he of whom it is written,

*"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'*

[11] Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. [12] From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. [13] For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, [14] and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. [15] He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Sermon Outline

- I. What Made John Great
- II. What Makes Us Great

Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

•What are your main takeaways from the sermon this Sunday? How often do you think about evangelism? How often do you pray for unbelieving friends? How often do you intentionally develop relationships with non believers?

•Is being great important to you? How would you define greatness? How are you pursuing greatness? What did you learn about greatness from this week's sermon?

•Pastor Scott highlighted 3 virtues that made John the GOAT. These are the same qualities that make us greater than John (v.11).

1. **He was unwaveringly committed to the truth** (v.7). John was not a reed shaken by the wind; he was a man of conviction. (He was in prison for challenging Herod's sinful choices). Are you committed to the truth? Do you take a stand for the truth, or are you willing to silently go with the flow? Do you see this as an issue for Christians in our current moment? How can you grow in this area? Are there any areas of your life where you need to take a loving stand for truth? How can your life group support you?
2. **He made sacrifices for the truth** (v.9). John was not dressed in soft clothing, living in luxurious palaces like the kings; he was hardened by the sacrifices he made. He did not pursue wealth or luxury or position. Would other people say that you make sacrifices for the truth? Are there any sacrifices you can make? Can your life group make any sacrifices together? Can anyone in your group think of a person who has made sacrifices for the truth? What did you learn from his or her example?
3. **He pointed people to the truth** (v.10-11). John was a prophet who pointed people to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is what made John great. In John 3, he decreased his own ministry and magnified the ministry of Jesus. Is this your personal mission in life? Have you become interested in your own personal advancement and comfort? Or do you live for the glory of God?

•At the end of the sermon, Pastor Scott challenged us to look and pray for opportunities to point people to Jesus. What would happen if the 1,000+ people of ABF took this challenge seriously. Here are a few practical discussion questions to help your group get active in this area:

- How often do you pray for non believers in your group?
- How often does your group discuss evangelism?
- Does anyone in the group have any non believing friends in your life right now? If not, how can you begin?
- Would it be appropriate for any of your non-believing friends to attend your life group?
- When is the last time your group scheduled an intentional outreach to lost people?
- Is there anyone in your group that would like to lead in this area - to schedule outreach opportunities and to pray for the lost?

