

Community Group Homework Questions

1. Why was John so harsh with the Jewish religious leaders of his day? How does this compare/contrast with the way we become angry with people in our society?
2. Consider Jesus' comments (commending John as a great man) in light of his circumstances (sitting in prison). Taken together, what does this teach us about how God's pleasure with us relates (or doesn't) to our situation in life?
3. John's ministry was so significant because he was preparing the way for the Messiah. Given that his message was one of repentance from sin, what can we surmise about the importance of conviction for those who need to receive Christ?
4. Verse 30 tells us that the will of the Holy Spirit was for the religious leaders to be baptized. As baptism is a sign of repentance, what is this verse ultimately saying about God's will? How should that inform the way we share Christ?
5. Pastor Bryan made the statement that John the Baptizer was a great man because "he was faithful to what the Lord called him to do; He fulfilled his role." What role is the Lord calling you to fulfill right now? How faithful are you being?

Commended by Jesus

Luke 7:24-30

Series #42

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Commended by Jesus."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are some things about John that make it clear that he was an unusual sort of fellow?
2. The phrase, "a reed shaken by the wind" was a description of someone who was what?
3. Was John "a reed shaken by the wind"?
4. What two groups were the most prominent in 1st century Israel?
5. Which of the two groups adulterated and distorted God's Word?
6. Which group were the religious liberals?
7. John blasted the Pharisees & Sadducees because they were supposed to be the what?
8. Why did John use such strong language against the two groups?
9. What does John call the Pharisees and Sadducees?

10. What assumption did most Jewish leaders make?
11. John told the religious leaders that if they want to repent, then do what?
12. What wrong assumption did the vast majority of Jews have?
13. Being physically related to Abraham isn't the issue. What is?
14. Verse 25 makes it clear that John wasn't part of the what?
15. It is not the world's what that really matters?
16. Who was the last and final culmination of all the Old Testament prophets?
17. John was to clear the path of obstacles so what could happen?
18. According to Jesus, who is greater than John the Baptist?
19. What does verse 29 remind us of regarding John's ministry and the ministry of our Lord?
20. The NIV says that the common people acknowledged that God's way was what?
21. What is verse 30 telling us?
22. It was God's will/purpose for the people to be what?
23. Many Christians today view baptism as what? Is it?
24. The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been what?
25. Why was John the Baptizer such a great man?
26. Are you a good and faithful servant? Are you doing what the Lord has called you to do? Are you doing your part in the body of Christ?