

Digging Deeper: John 3:22–36

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Day 1

Read through and pray over John 3:22–36.

John the Baptist was on mission to make way for the coming of the Messiah (Luke 1:11-17). After Jesus the Messiah arrived and began to baptize with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33), why did John the Baptist continue to baptize? (John 3:23)

Pray and consider if you are remaining fervent in your personal mission to make Christ known. The water is still plenty.

Day 2

John 3:27 – Read 1 Corinthians 4:7, James 1:17, and John 6:65. Consider these verses as you take inventory of your gifts, skills, abilities, talents and accomplishments. Now take time to recognize and thank God who is the giver of all good things. Lastly, consider how you might use these gifts to the glory of God.

Day 3

John 3:28–29 – Read also Matthew 9:15. Who is the bridegroom that these verses speak of? If Jesus is the bridegroom, then who is the bride in these verses? Consider how great a love Christ has for man that He would make an eternal covenant with His people!

Day 4

John 3:–31 – Read also Isaiah 9:6–7, and Mathew 28:18. Jesus is superior and above all. Consider what areas of your life you are trying to control on your own. Pray over the areas of your life that you haven't fully surrendered to His authority. What can you remove or release(decrease) in you so that Christ may increase in you?

Day 5

John 3:32–36 – Have you received Christ's testimony? Have you accepted that Jesus was sent from God fully filled with the Spirit? Accept Christ and give thanks as the wrath of God no longer remains on you.

Day 6

John 3:36 – Who has eternal life? Who shall not see life? In some translations The first statement says "believes" (*pisteuōn*) has eternal life, while the latter says "not obeys" (*apeithōn*) shall not see life. Is faith and obedience synonymous? Consider how these words can be tied together.