## The Heart of the Matter

12. John the Baptist clearly understood his role with respect to Jesus' overall ministry. How do you see your role?

13. In what ways does Jesus need to increase in your life? In what ways do you need to decrease in your life?

14. How do you know that you have not rejected Christ? What evidence do you have in your life that demonstrates how you have received Him as your Lord and Savior?

15. What is the most important concept that you need to get your mind around based on this passage of Scripture?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## **Life Group Study Guide**

## He Must Increase, I Must Decrease John 3:22-36 For the Week of July 16, 2023

## **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. When you were younger what did you and your siblings fight about? How would you try to get your way?

3. What subject is bound to start an argument at your family reunions? How do you usually handle these kinds of situations?



Digging Deeper  4. Based on the circumstances described in verses 22-26, how would you describe the likely controversy that was taking place with the disciples of Jesus and John? What do you think was said by the "certain Jew"? V25	8. What is the point of the allegory about the bride and groom that John the Baptist uses in verse 29? How does John see his role in Jesus' overall ministry?
5. What might you have been thinking if you were one of John's disciples at this point? Based on this account, how would you have felt about John if you were Jesus' disciple?	9. What is the import of John's words in verse 30? Why are they so full of meaning for all of us?
6. How would you describe John the Baptist's response to all of this in verses 27-36?	10. What facts about Jesus does John bring out in verses 31-36?

7. What does John mean in verse 27? What is John acknowledging in this verse?

11. In verse 36, how does the phrase "rejecting the Son" stand in contrast to what belief really means?