



**Northland Christian Church  
Group Discussion Guide  
For the Week of November 7, 2021**

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*Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.*

## **Connect**

- Peak & Pits: Share about the best and worst part of your week.
- Share about the funniest or most unusual thing you've witnessed.

## **The Context**

### **John Chapter 1:29-34**

In this remarkable passage, John the Baptist continues to fulfill his life mission by pointing people to Jesus. He tells the people listening to him that Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." That title was a clear signal that Jesus' self-giving life and death would fulfill all of Israel's long-standing system of sacrifices. That Jesus would be the solution to the world's biggest problem - to our biggest problem - sin. Then John introduces us to his testimony of Jesus' baptism and how he was so confident in being able to call people to repentance, faith, and baptism. Let's continue to join John and behold our Savior Jesus.

## **Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:**

### **John 1:29-34 NIV**

**"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."**

## **Discuss**

1. The word "Look" or "Behold" means to see or observe something especially of remarkable or impressive nature. When you 'look' at the life of Jesus what causes you to stand in awe of him?
2. What does John 1:29 say about what our broken world most needs?
3. How is Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"? (See Isaiah 53:5-7 for more) Take some time to think about the fact that Jesus took the responsibility for your wrongs and took the punishment for them. How does that make you feel? How does it influence how you see Jesus?
4. Read Matthew 3:13-17. What took place during Jesus' baptism, which convinced John that Jesus was the Son of God? Why was Jesus baptized?
5. Dave shared Sunday that: 1) Baptism is a confirmation of God's will. 2) Baptism is a continuation of God's will. 3) Baptism is a connection to God's will. How do these statements help you understand baptism?
6. What questions do you have about baptism?

7. Who should be baptized? When should someone be baptized?
8. How are faith, repentance, grace, surrender, and aligning our lives with Jesus connected to baptism?
9. Have you been baptized? If not, would you like to be?
10. John describes Jesus as “God’s Chosen One” (Son of God in some translations) (verse 34). What was John trying to help his audience understand?
11. Of the titles for Jesus given so far in John chapter 1 (the Word, the Light, the Christ/Messiah, the Lamb of God, God’s Chosen One/the Son of God) which is the most meaningful for you right now? Why?
12. John testified that God helped him to understand who Jesus was and what He was going to do. How has God helped you see and understand life more clearly?
13. Who has helped you understand life and Jesus more clearly? How have they done this? Who can you help understand more clearly?

**End Your Group Time in Prayer**