

Jesus must become greater (22-30)

Try to think your way into the position of John the Baptist's disciples. What might be motivating their concern expressed in v26? Think about whether there might be motives which are good as well as motives which are bad.

What does John the Baptist understand that his disciples don't?

Are there areas of life where it is hard to say 'Jesus must become greater and I must become less'? How can we have John the Baptist's perspective?

Jesus is greatest (31-36)

What reasons does John (the Evangelist) give to support the idea that, objectively, Jesus is greatest? (We talked in the sermon about where he comes from, who he is, and what he does - these are intertwined in the verses - but there might be more!)

How might we dwell on these, so that Jesus becomes greater in our eyes?

One of the overall goals of chapter 3 of John's Gospel is to establish that Jesus is uniquely placed to testify about God. Are there areas or issues where we need to be particularly careful to listen to him? How can we help one another in that?