

- (1) What is meant when we speak of “teeter-totter” theology? Do you think it accurately represents what we find in Scripture? Why is it so difficult for us to embrace and enjoy the truth that when we go up God goes down, and when God goes up we go down?
- (2) Read Isaiah 57:17. Reflect on what is being said. How does this strike you? Are you encouraged or discouraged by this verse? Why?
- (3) Read and reflect on John 3:27. Do you agree with John that everything we have we have received from God? If not, why not? If you do agree, how should this affect the way you live?
- (4) What is the difference between your belief in the “sovereignty” of Jesus over all things and your belief in the “supremacy” of Jesus? Or again, what is the difference between saying that Jesus is the source of all things and saying that he is the center of all things? Why is it easier to affirm the former and difficult to affirm the latter?
- (5) What did John mean when he declared of Jesus, “He must increase but I must decrease”? Does this reflect your own personal approach to life? If not, why not? If it were to be characteristic of your attitude in life, how would things change? Be specific.