



John the Baptist is the greatest man to ever live, according to Jesus. The reason for this is seen in John 3:30, when John the Baptist proclaims about Jesus and His ministry, “He must become greater; I must become less.” It is important to understand that true joy comes when we decrease ourselves (our will, desires, etc.) and increase Jesus. When we spend our lives trying to make Jesus famous, good things happen in God’s Kingdom.

1. It is natural for us to advance our personal comfort. Sometimes we do this at the expense of God’s Kingdom. Where do you see this as a weakness in your life? What can you do to change this?

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2. One part of human nature is selfishness – we have a constant desire to put our needs/wants over the needs/wants of others. How can you increase your love for others while decreasing your need to be first?

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3. God’s word is full of commands that dictate how we should live. Do you ignore these commands and look to increase your own agenda? What lifestyle choices need to change in your life?

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4. As you reflect on the text, what is the biggest change that you need to make in your life to live out the words of John 3:30? How can you start implementing this today? What could it potentially cost you?

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