

# HOMework

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COME AND SEE | IS JESUS GREATER?

JOHN 3:22-36

**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read John 3:22-36 in one sitting (about 2 minutes).
2. In this section, John responds to a disciple concerned about his "greatness." Pay attention to how John compares Jesus' greatness to his own.
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

## FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. GOAT (Greatest of All Time) discussion. Choose one and defend but keep it civil. Brett Farve or Aaron Rodgers? Original Star Wars trilogy or the newest one? American Idol or The Voice?
2. How would you answer someone from another religion (Islam, Hinduism, etc.) asking why YOU believe Jesus is the greatest?

## DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. Experiencing the joy of connecting people to Jesus.
  - a. Read Hosea 2:16-20, Ephesians 5:25-27 and Revelation 21:2.
  - b. In John 3:29-30, how does John feel about his role as "friend of the bridegroom"?

c. Have you ever experienced the joy of connecting people to Jesus?

d. What would it look like for you to make this a priority among your family, friends and community?

2. Submitting to the greatness of Jesus.

a. Read Psalm 2, Philippians 2:9-11 Hebrews 1:1-4.

b. In John 3:31-36, John makes the staggering claim that Jesus is “above all.” What does it mean to you that Jesus reigns supreme over all governments, history and cultures? What does it mean to you that He reigns supreme over your past, present and future?

c. According to John, what is the choice that people have to make regarding Jesus’ loving leadership?

d. Is there anything you are currently unwilling to give up to follow Jesus?

3. Making Jesus greater (when He’s already the greatest).

a. In John 3:30, John says, “He must become greater; I must become less.” In what way was John’s statement a reflection of objective reality? In what ways was it also a choice?

b. If you were one of John’s followers concerned about Jesus’ growing popularity, what would this statement mean for you? What does it mean for us in the church today?

c. Think about your greatest achievements. What would it look like for you to “become less” in light of the greatness of Christ?

## BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED

### Personal Reflection

1. Is Jesus above all in your life? How do you know?

2. Think about your emotions, your schedule, your spending and your habits. What would it look like for Jesus to become greater in your life?

### **Group Application**

1. Spend some time as a group praying for our nation and the upcoming election. Invite the Holy Spirit to make Jesus great through us (the church) in this challenging political climate.

### **DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK**

1. Scripture memory is a way to imbed God's word in our minds and hearts. This week, challenge yourself to memorize Philippians 2:9-11. Commit to sharing a video of yourself quoting this verse with your group.
2. How is Jesus greater than the leaders of other world religions? Check out this 10-minute teaching about how Jesus is fundamentally different (and greater) than the leaders of other world religions.  
<https://youtu.be/hDtLxMhjjm0>