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John 1:19-34 – Search For The Hero Outside Yourself

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. In v22 John is asked, "Who are you? ... What do you say about yourself?" How do you tend to answer that question? How do you introduce / think of yourself?
2. What things strike you about how John responds to these questions in vv19-27? What does he say about himself? How has he arrived at this understanding of himself?
3. Our culture tells us to look inside ourselves to discover who we really are. Phrases like, "You be you" capture this idea well. How is John's approach different?
4. John seems content to orient his life around Jesus. Why is that? Is it because he has a problem with low self-esteem (see v27)? If not, why not?
5. "John's understanding of himself seems to be deeply shaped by his understanding of Jesus." Can you explain how that is shown from these verses? How might the same thing be true for a Christian today?
6. How would your life look and feel different if you thought of yourself as having a *small* part in a *magnificent* story, and being the *lowliest* servant of the *mightiest* king? Would it make you:
 - (a) more humble or more proud?
 - (b) more excited to get out of bed in the morning or less?
 - (c) feel more burdened or less? And why?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other

*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."
(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)*