

LIFEGROUP NOTES: JOHN 1:19-34

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

For Discussion:

1. See vv.19-28. In John's day, Rabbis frequently had their own schools and followings, and were known by their personal reputation. How does John the Baptist swim against this cultural tide? Where does his self-effacing example challenge you? How can we develop his attitude?
2. See v.29. What does John mean by "sin"? What is at the root of the problem?
3. Is our thinking about the problems of the world radical enough? Do we trace the problems back to sin (v.29), or are we content to explain the world's ills more superficially?
4. How does Jesus, the Lamb of God, take away sin? How did this become a personal reality for you – or do you still lack confidence that your sin has been forgiven? How does this make a difference to your life?
5. See v.33. Why was the Holy Spirit given to Jesus for His earthly ministry? Why do we too need the Holy Spirit? In what ways do you consciously seek the help and support of the Spirit day by day?

In Conclusion

- Remember that the aim of John's gospel is "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (20:31). How has this passage helped you in this way? Pray in the light of this.

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