

Life Group Discussion Questions – October 24, 2010

“The Hero From Above”

John 3:22-26

Summary: When he asks about how his own ministry compares with that of Christ, John reminds us of the contrast between ourselves and Christ. Christ is the one who brings about real rescuing and restoring of our relationship with God. (“Purification”).

Main Point 1 – Our Need for A Hero

Our Heroism – “Someone else’s cape”

Q – We often get praised as “heroes”, though John’s says everything we have we’ve received from heaven (i.e., God). When are you seen as a hero by others? How do you respond to the praise: enjoy the cape? Or thank God for it?

Our Role – Pointing Others to Christ

Q – Though John the Baptist’s role as a “pointer” to Christ was unique (see Malachi 3:1), our role is similar to the way John functioned as a “friend” to the real bridegroom, Christ, as we point those around us to Jesus. Reflect back over the last few days/weeks/months. How have you pointed others to Christ with your words and/or works? How have others around you pointed to you Christ with their words/works?

Our Limits – Our Sin & Our Nature

Q – Our need for “a hero” is shown by both our nature as creatures, and our sin. Think about your own life lately, which has been a greater reminder of your need for the work of Christ? (i.e., your sin, or your nature).

Q – This morning we talked about how a lot of our stress comes from our striving to be God – know everything, be everywhere & do everything at once, live forever. Of the three, of which do you find yourself most guilty? How do you see this in your own life?

Main Point 2 – The Hero We Have in Christ

A Hero’s Origin, Authority & Perspective – Above All

Q - Jesus is uniquely qualified to be our “hero” by his origin (heaven), authority (over all things), and first hand perspective (see and heard). How does this “perspective” compare with others who are making truth claims that affect your life? Brainstorm some various others sources/voice who are making claims about the way things are. Next, from what perspective are they speaking?

A Hero’s Mission

Q – Jesus is on a mission to speak truth and give the Spirit without measure. This is true even today. How did the Spirit impact you this morning? Or, how have you recently seen the Spirit use the Word to convict, challenge, comfort, or encourage you?

Main Point 3 – A Hero’s Welcome (Belief & Obedience)

Q – The proper response to the mission/message of Christ is to believe (agree that what Christ says is true) and obey (to submit our lives to him). Share how you wrestled with these truths as “welcomed” Christ into your life. OR, if you haven’t welcomed the message of Christ, what currently prevents you from doing so.