



# John on Jesus

*John the Baptist*

**Small Group Work Sheet**

**May 13, 2012**

## Part 1 - Ice Breaker



On May 27th, Memorial Day, the second worship service moves to 10:30 AM instead of 11:00 AM. While there is no Faith University between services, this time is not purposeless. It is an opportunity for us to connect with new friends and familiar faces. To help us remember the purpose of this time, we gave it a name. It is called "NEXUS." Small groups are an important part of NEXUS. Today, schedule the times your group will meet

over the summer for burgers and BBQ. NEXUS is not just a time to be with familiar faces but it is an opportunity to link those who are new to your small group for friendship.

## Part 2 - Sermon Review

1. How does God becoming a piece of meat change the way you feel about God's love for you?
2. I am sure Zechariah and Elizabeth were frustrated when it appeared God was ignoring their prayers for a child. In reality, God's plans were to give them an amazing son, at an amazing time and an amazing story to tell. How does Zechariah and Elizabeth's story help when you pray for things that God doesn't appear to hear?
3. It was important for Zechariah to be the pastor of his home before he could be the pastor of his church. How did God use his family Bible study to change the world? If you have children, how is the Holy Spirit challenging you in this area?
4. In our culture, a good life is considered a long life. According to Matthew 11:11, John's life was not long, but it was significant. What makes life significant in God's eyes?
5. When John confronted sin in society, why were Pharisees, the religious conservatives, upset? What does this teach us about the deep-rooted nature of our pride and reliance on ourselves rather than God's grace?
6. In this Scripture, we learned how God was sovereign over John the Baptist's birth. Was God also sovereign over the manner and time of his death (Genesis 50:20; Ephesians 1:3f)? How does God's sovereignty help you face tough times in life?
7. What are ways pride subtly makes us think we are important? What are subtle ways we make too little of Jesus and too much of ourselves?
8. When we are discouraged and self-deprecating because of our sin or failures, how does knowing we are loved by Christ provide us with all the significance we need?

