

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JESUS AND YOU
The Gospel of John — Week 13

ICEBREAKER: What's the best approach for solving conflict?

OVERVIEW: Sometimes the best way to understand something is to compare it with something else. In this study, we are comparing Jesus with you. It's been said that wisdom is the ability to tell the difference. If you can't tell the difference between two things, then you can't know how to treat those things. What's the difference between Jesus and us, and how does this perspective help us to follow Him better?

1. **Read John 3:31-36.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Verse 31 says that Jesus is from above. He is God and we are not. This means we exist for Him, and not the other way around. How do we sometimes get this confused?
3. What does it mean to make your life all about Jesus?
4. Verse 31 says that Jesus is "above all." This refers to His ultimate authority above everyone, including you and me. What is the hardest area of your life to fully surrender to Christ's control? Explain.

5. Verses 32-34 make it clear that Jesus speaks God's Word. Whatever He says is true. Where do people often get their spiritual beliefs rather than Jesus?
6. How can we be sure that our spiritual beliefs are based on the Word of Christ and not anywhere else?
7. Verse 35 says that the Father has given all things into Christ's hands. He owns it all, and we are just stewards. What is a steward? What is the difference between a bad steward and a good steward?
8. How can you be a better steward of God's money and possessions?
9. Verse 36 says that Jesus is the way to eternal life, and we must trust in Him. What are things that people often trust in for eternal life rather than Jesus?
10. What does it mean to trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life?

The Last Word: "It is a basic truth of Christianity that no man who thinks himself good is really good, least of all the man who thinks himself better than other people." William Barclay