

SERMON STUDY | modgniK
Descend Into Greatness | Matthew 11:2-11
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Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

God wants more for your life than you could ever imagine. His plan for you is greatness. But God's idea of greatness is nothing like the world's idea of greatness. John the Baptist, the greatest to ever live, according to Jesus, left us a perfect example of what it means to *descend into greatness*. His life had maximum impact, but it also came with maximum sacrifice.

Warm-up Question: When you were a kid, what dreams did you have for your life?

***Note to Leaders: Spend some time reading these verses together as a group. Maybe read them out loud or in a few different versions. Or print off the Scripture and take time as a group to underline and circle certain repeated words or things that stand out to you. You may also want to start off or end your time by checking in on anything that stood out from the sermon in general and/or the Daily Bible Readings over the course of the week!**

Read Matthew 3:11, John 1:29-30, and Matthew 11:2-6.

- John the Baptist spent his life following what he thought was God's plan for him. Yet Matthew 11:3 finds him doubting. What does John do with his doubts? Describe a time when you questioned your purpose in life and it caused you to doubt. What did you do with your questions and doubts?
- What do you think is significant about how Jesus responds to John's question in Matthew 11:4-6? Jesus quotes scriptures that John would have known were about predictions of the coming Messiah. This response gives John all the peace he needs. **How can you let God's voice into your own life more?**

Read Matthew 11:7-11.

- John's life didn't look like the world's definition of greatness and success (see Matt. 3:1-6 for a picture of him!). On a scale of 1-10, how afraid are you of looking different from the world? Where do you continue to strive up and to the right when Jesus says sometimes greatness is achieved by *descending*? Share some areas God may be calling you to stop buying into the world's views of greatness, success, or beauty.
- John's life required maximum sacrifice yet had maximum impact for the kingdom of God. Jesus even called him the greatest! How does that encourage you through your struggle, sacrifice, or an area you feel like you're 'losing'? Where may you be trying to get by with as little sacrifice as possible, yet still follow Jesus?

Reflect:

What is God saying to you through His word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Ephesians 2:10 | Created for greatness.

Day Two: Matthew 11:2-3 | Rock bottom.

Day Three: Matthew 11:4-6 | Reminder of the truth.

Day Four: Matthew 11:7-9 | He descended to greatness.

Day Five: Matthew 11:10-11 | Maximum sacrifice, maximum impact.