

Make much of Jesus as you interact with the unconvinced people in your relational world

1. People will ask you \_\_\_\_\_ when you make much of Jesus through your life

*John 1:19-23*

A quick review of the 10 themes that we noticed in the first 18 verses of John:

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| - Life        | - Spiritual rebirth       |
| - Light       | - Glory                   |
| - "the world" | - Father/Son relationship |
| - Receive     | - Grace                   |
| - Believe     | - Truth                   |

*Hebrews 8:6-7; 13*

Messiah simply means " \_\_\_\_\_ , " what would happen when one was designated as King

*Isaiah 40:3-5*

2. People will be \_\_\_\_\_ when you make much of Jesus through your life

*John 1:24-27*

*"The Pharisees were spiritual descendants of pious groups that had successfully opposed the notoriously cruel government of Antiochus Epiphanes (175-163 bc). This Syrian monarch had attempted to obliterate the Jewish faith. The Pharisees were extremely scrupulous about observing every minute detail of the law of God as they understood it, and were engaged in establishing an oral tradition about how that law was to be obeyed."*

**D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John.***

" . . . the pattern of proselyte baptism . . . required a renunciation of all evil, complete immersion in water, and then reclothing as a member of the holy community of law-keepers."

**Merrill C. Tenney, *Expositor's Bible Commentary, John***

*Matthew 3:1-6*

"The Baptist's words continue a theme in the Prologue (1:6-8, 15), and betray extraordinary humility in the context of a society where a student was expected to do for his teacher whatever a slave would do—except take off his shoes . . . John the Baptist makes no exceptions, not even this one, and thereby defines his relation to Jesus the Messiah in a moving way . . ."

**D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John*.**

3. Making much of Jesus is powerful when it's not limited to "\_\_\_\_\_"

*John 1:28*

*John 1:20*

We have the privilege of "preparing the way" for people to "receive and believe" the Good News of Jesus by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the people in our relational worlds by putting their names on a prayer card
- \_\_\_\_\_ daily that God would be at work in them, wooing them to Him
- \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives in meaningful ways relationally
- \_\_\_\_\_ them to entry point events and worship services to "come and see"
- \_\_\_\_\_ them to the Great News of Jesus thru organic conversations that see evangelism thru the lens of a marathon, not a sprint

*1 Peter 3:15-16*

### **Trinity Core Value**

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

**Now What?** Make much of Jesus as you interact with the unconvinced people in your relational world