

Sermon Reflections

A Tale of Two Reactions (John 3:22-30)

Lessons from John's Disciples (vv 3:22-26)

1. Don't allow any activity, even religious activity, to become your focus instead of God.

- What sort of attitudes did John's disciples demonstrate when they saw Jesus' disciples baptizing and their own ministry losing prominence?
- What is to be the primary purpose of our Christian lives? How are we to maintain a rightly ordered perspective of our Christian life?
- In what ways can believers fall into the trap of allowing activities to become the focus?
- Are there areas of your life where you are distracted and should turn your attention towards God?

2. Beware when sinful behaviors present themselves in the guise of pursuing righteous activities.

- Are there instances/triggers in your life where you're prone to sinful attitudes, even as you're trying to uphold a Biblical standard, refuting secular worldviews and sinful behaviors?
- Since proclaiming the gospel of Christ and His preeminence is the main thing, how are you doing with your witness?

Lessons from John the Baptist (vv 3:27-30)

1. We must recognize and accept that we are not the main attraction, Christ is.

- Where was John the Baptist's focus?
- How is John the Baptist's mission a model for Christian living?
- In what areas of your life could you decrease so that His glory can increase?

2. Our joy should be derived from Christ being glorified, not the fulfillment of our own selfish desires.

- What brings you joy? Where should your joy emanate from?