

Leader/Host Guide* for John 3:22-36 John the Baptist Week following Oct 29,30, 2011

*(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

Icebreaker suggestion:

John the Baptist desired that “he decrease” and that Jesus would “increase”. As an ice-breaker, you may want to ask each person to share a time when they were genuinely thrilled about the accomplishment of another. Who was it? What was the accomplishment? Why were they happy?

II. Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

It was John the Baptist’s great desire to lift up Jesus and be a witness to His love and grace. Show us how we might be able to have that same attitude of humility and servanthood as we live out our lives as your people. Speak to us through your Word and guide our conversation.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

III. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

IV. Memory/ Focus Verse Review

V. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

VI. Closing Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Lord God,

We know that the way the Gospel message is shared is through people. . . generation after generation. . . spreading the saving grace of Jesus.

Thank you for the ones who have nurtured our faith and help us to boldly share your love with others.

In Jesus name,

Amen

VII. Adjourn

