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John 1:19-34 | How to be a Christian: Discovering Your New Purpose in Christ

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Galatians 2:20** and **2 Corinthians 5:17**. What has God changed about your identity since you became a Christian? What were some of the areas in your life that used to drive your identity before Christ? What areas of your life have taken on new significance now that you are in Christ?

2. Read **Romans 12:3**. How does being a Christian change how you conceive of yourself, and the concepts of self-worth and self-esteem? What differences do you notice in how you approach these subjects compared to how they are championed by the world?

3. Read **Philippians 1:12-18**. If all you knew about Paul was what we read in this passage, what would you conclude about him? What are the unlikely areas of your life that might turn into opportunities for the gospel if you began to look for them and pray for them?

4. Imagine an unbelieving neighbor who had come to church this weekend and heard this sermon. Later this week you see them and ask what they thought of the sermon. They respond with some kind words but then say, "*It sounds like Christianity is about giving up a lot; there was a lot of talk about surrendering things. Why would I want to do that?*" How would you respond to this neighbor in a way that might show them why this life of surrender is truly worth it?