HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I MUST DECREASE

John 3:22–36
Key Verse: 3:30

1. How is the setting described (22–24)? What does so many people coming to be baptized show about those times?

2. What seems to have caused the discussion about purification (25)? What do John's disciples come and tell him, and what does this show about them (26)?

3. How does John begin his answer, and how does this apply to our lives (27)? Of what does John remind his disciples, and why (28)? What can we learn from his illustration of the bridegroom and his friend (29)?

4. Read verse 30. What did this mean in John's case? What does it mean to each follower of Jesus? How can we follow this principle in our practical life?

5. How does John compare himself with Jesus (31)? What more does he say about Jesus and those who receive his testimony, and why (32–33)? How does he describe Jesus' ministry, and what can we learn here (34)? What else is special about Jesus (35)? What is John's conclusion (36), and what can we learn here about believing?