



He Must Increase

John 3:22-36

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“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30

**We are what we are—we have what we have—by
God’s grace.**

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His
grace toward me did not prove vain; but I
labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but
the grace of God with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10*

Christ’s magnification necessitates my minimization.

When Christ is magnified our joy is maximized.

Pursuing the INCREASE of Christ

1. Hold things loosely
2. Embrace humility
3. Seek your joy in Christ

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. Can you think of a time when you were “out-shined” by someone? What did that feel like? How did you handle it?
2. How can Christ “increase” in your life?
3. What would be required for you to “decrease”?
4. Read Philippians 1:15-26. What do you see in Paul’s view of “decreasing so that Christ might be exalted”? Verse 21 is key; put that verse in your own words.