



John 1:19-34 The humble witness with wonderful good news!

John the Baptist (John) was having such an impact that crowds are flocking to him in the wilderness (Mark 1:5). It seems that some were wondering if he was the promised Messiah. It's no wonder the Jewish leaders have questions for him!

His response to the questions of the Jewish leaders here in John 1 teaches us about what it looks like to be a humble witness to Jesus, and why we have such good news to share.

1. The humble witness to Jesus (v19-28)

- In what ways does John show his humility in these verses and why do you think he wants to be so clear about who he is not?
- In v23 John quotes Isaiah 40 when asked who he is. Why do you think he does that?
- In v24 the Pharisees seem to miss the point as they ask about John's authority. How might the way John responds to his

questioners be a good example to us in the questions we sometimes face about our faith?

- On Sunday Andrew briefly mentioned the recent Bible Society report which shows a growing interest in Christianity in our country. Are you seeing any of that in the situations you are in, and how does that encourage you in your witness to Christ?

2. Has good news to share with the world (v29-34)

- What does John say as he sees Jesus coming towards him and why do you think he describes him in that way?
- Why is this such good news for us, and for us to share?
- What does John teach us in v32-33 and why is this important when we think of what happens when we put our trust in Jesus?
- Do you think there are areas of your life where you need to humble yourself and make more of Christ? What might that look like?
- Are there particular people or areas of your life where you would like the group to pray for opportunities and boldness in being humble witnesses to Christ?