

- As our understanding of Jesus increases, our \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus must change.

They took note that these men had been with Jesus... As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:13, 20

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6-8

19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." 21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." 22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" John 1:19-23

- When we "believe" that Jesus is the Messiah, we are given a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### To be a voice for Jesus:

- Know who you \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Know who you \_\_\_\_\_.

John replied ... "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" John 1:19-23

- Know who \_\_\_\_\_ is.

"Among you stands one you do not know. The straps of His sandals I am not worthy to untie." John 1:27

29 The next day John (*John the Baptist*) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

- Point people to \_\_\_\_\_.

"I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." John 1:34

"You will receive power... and you will be my witnesses." Acts 1:8

Additional Notes:

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## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

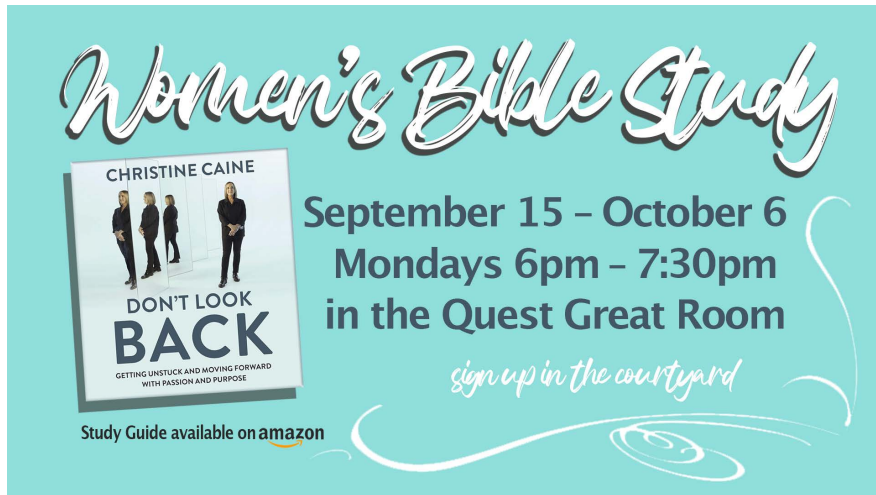
#### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- To whom do you talk about Jesus? (Do you only talk to Christians about Jesus?)
- How has your message about Jesus changed as your understanding of Jesus has changed?
- What does it mean to be a voice for Jesus?
- Why do you think so many Christians forfeit their voice for Jesus?
- Why do you think John the Baptist was such a good witness?
- To have a voice for Jesus, why is it important to know who we are not? How do people try to be the saviors of others?
- If we're going to have a voice for Jesus, why is it important to know who we are?
- In your own words, how would you tell someone who Jesus really is?
- What does it mean that Jesus is "the Lamb of God"?
- How can we more effectively and intentionally point people to Jesus?

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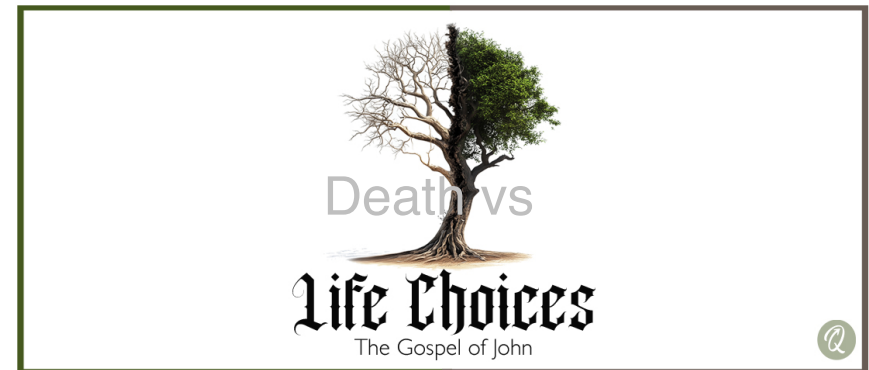
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