Make Way

– What is something you are exceptionally good at?

John the Baptist had become known in his area for many things. When people began to wonder about his purpose and speculate about who he really was, he responded clearly about what he was there to do.

Read John 1:19-23

- What does John the Baptist describe as his purpose? How did he accomplish it?
- When do you most feel you are working in your God given purpose? (in your gifting, feeling fulfilled, etc.)

During his life John had grown in stature and notoriety. He was eccentric, had respect and had accumulated followers. Many felt John was the one they had been waiting for; yet, as great as he was, he described that the one who was coming after him was very different than he.

Read John 1:25-27; 30

- How did John, who was considered great, describe himself compared to Jesus?
- What does it mean to be humble? What does humility look like played out in our lives today?
- What did John mean when he said "because He was before me?"

John the Baptist's life was about pointing people to Jesus and to the good news He brought. First, by preparing the way before His arrival and later by directly pointing Jesus out to those who were searching.

Read John 1:29-30

- What did John mean when he describes Jesus as "the Lamb of God?"
- Who are people who pointed you to Jesus in your journey?
- What special/unique means has God given you to share His word?