

LESSER & GREATER

As preached on Sunday, September 28th

Read: John 3:22-36

1. How would you define “humility”? How common do you think it is in our world?
2. In vv.22-24 we read of two baptizing ministries. Why do you suppose Jesus and his disciples begin baptizing? Why do you suppose John and his disciples continue to baptize now that Jesus has begun his ministry?
3. What are John’s disciples upset about in v.26? Why do they feel this sense of competition?
4. In v.27 John says, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven.” What does he mean? How can we apply this to ourselves?
5. In v.29 John introduces the imagery of bridegroom and best man. What does he mean? How does this imagery relate to his statement in v.30: “He must become greater; I must become less”?
6. What are we told about Jesus in vv.34-35? Why is this significant?
7. You were asked two questions at the end of the message on Sunday. How would you answer each?
8. How does today’s message regarding humility apply to the call Jesus has given to us to share his good news with our neighbors? What will you do in response?