

Overview of Study – John 1:19-27

This Bible study (John 1:19–27) focuses on the question the Pharisees asked John the Baptist: **“Why do you do what you do?”** John’s answer points to Jesus—Someone greater is already among them. The lesson challenges believers at the start of a new year to examine their “why,” live out God’s calling with humility, and rely on God’s power instead of self-effort.

Key Points

- John the Baptist was clear about **who he was NOT** (not the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet).
- The real issue wasn’t John’s identity—it was the question: **Why are you baptizing?**
- We do God’s work **not because we are worthy**, but because God calls us.
- God doesn’t “need” us—**He invites us** (it’s a privilege, not a spotlight).
- God has **unique good works** for each believer to walk in (Ephesians 2:8–10).
- Faithfulness matters more than significance—**do your part**, even if you can’t see results.
- God empowers ordinary people for extraordinary impact (John, the disciples, Paul, the early church).
- The starting point is always the gospel: **trusting Christ as Savior and Lord.**

Reflective Questions

1. If someone asked you today, **“Why do you do what you do?”** what would you say?
2. Where are you tempted to rely on your own ability, personality, or “training” instead of God’s power?
3. What is one area where you feel “not enough”—and how does this study correct that mindset?
4. Have you ever judged your impact by results you can see? What does God call you to do instead?
5. What “good work” might God be calling you to step into this year—right where you are?
6. How does remembering **Jesus is greater** keep your heart humble and steady?
7. If you’ve been hesitant to share your faith, what’s one small step you can take this week?

Action Steps

- **Write your “WHY” in one sentence** (example: “Because Jesus saved me, and I want to live for His glory.”).
- **Pray daily this week:** “Lord, show me what You want me to do today—and give me strength to do it.”
- Identify **one person** to encourage or invite to church/study this month.

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- Pick **one habit** that strengthens your walk (Bible reading, prayer, serving) and commit to it for 7 days.
- Choose **one place** you can be faithful (home, work, community) and intentionally represent Christ there.
- If you've never trusted Christ, respond to the invitation: **repent, believe, confess Him as Lord.**

Conclusion

John the Baptist didn't serve because he was important—he served because **Jesus is**. That's the heart of the Christian life: we don't do what we do to prove ourselves; we do it because God called us, and He empowers us. As this new year begins, the goal isn't to become impressive—it's to become faithful. Jesus is with us, and His strength is enough. 