



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. **(SOAP)**

Sermon Main Idea:

In Jesus we see how kingdom life is based upon our identity as God's beloved, and is characterized by humility.

Introduction:

1. When have you built something up in your mind that didn't live up to your expectations?
2. Think of someone who made you feel loved; how did they make you feel that way?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 3:1-17 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What was John the Baptist's message? How was John preparing the way for Jesus?
2. How do you think John felt when Jesus asked to be baptized by him?
3. Why were people coming out to hear John and be baptized?
4. Describe the events that take place after Jesus was baptized; what stands out to you?
5. What do you notice about God in this passage?

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. Why did Jesus submit to John's baptism?
2. Is your perception of God more in line with John's words to the religious leaders, or the Father's words to Jesus?
3. Do you follow and serve the Lord because you are deeply loved by God, or in order to become more loved by God? How can you become more like Jesus in living out of the Father's love for you? (1 Jn 4:10-11)
4. What is humility? How can you follow the Lord's example of humility this week? (Phil. 2:3-11)
5. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 1/7 – Psalm 96:10-13

Tuesday, 1/8 – Psalm 11:1-3

Wednesday, 1/9 – Exodus 1:8-22

Thursday, 1/10 – Exodus 2:1-11

Friday, 1/11 – Exodus 12:29-32

Saturday, 1/12 – Hosea 11:1-12

Sunday, 1/13 – Matthew 3:1-17