

A person is shown from the chest up, holding a sign that says "NEW" in large, glowing, white letters. The person is wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

## **New Witness**

### **John 1:19-37**

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

1. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to The Table (1-Year Rally)? Have you had any table meetings (Church? Community? Cultures?)? If so, how's it going?
2. Have you ever noticed how easy it is for us to focus on the wrong things? What are some examples? In a distracting world, how do we focus on what is most important?
3. Read John 1:19-23. Why do you think people were so eager to label John as something more than he was (Christ, Elijah, etc.)? How could this have been distracting for John? Where do you feel pressure to be "more" than what God has called you to be?
4. What kind of pressure comes from trying to be "Savior" for yourself and/or others? What would it look like in your daily life to simply be "a voice" sharing about Jesus? Why does being a witness require humility? How does identity confusion negatively impact our ability to be effective witnesses?
5. Read John 1:24-28. How was this added question another potential distraction? What are some common distractions that pull Christians away from their real mission today?
6. John points them to the "one" they "do not know." How does this simple statement enforce the principle that our mission is simply to point people to Jesus?
7. When have you found yourself caught in a debate (social media arguments, political disagreements, etc.) that didn't really help point people to Jesus? This week, how can you better prevent distractions from sidelining your mission?
8. Read John 1:29-34. What stands out to you about how clearly John described Jesus? People need clarity about Jesus, not confusion. What is one simple way you could share who Jesus is or what he's done in your life?
9. A witness simply shares their story about Jesus: "This is who Jesus is, and this is what he has done for me." How does this take the pressure off when it comes to witnessing?
10. Read John 1:35-37. John's disciples leave him to follow Jesus, and John lets them go. Why do you think it can be hard to "release" people instead of keeping influence or control? Have you ever helped someone take a step toward Jesus? What was that like?
11. How does greater loyalty to Jesus facilitate a greater witness for Jesus?
12. Who is one person in your life you can intentionally and naturally point toward Jesus this week?
13. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church Table, Community Table, and Cultural Table.