

ENCOUNTERS
with Christ

A Humbling Encounter
Message 6

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2. Receiving assignments I'm not _____ of.
(Matthew 3:13-17. C/R: Luke 1:41; 17:10; John 1:29-30)

► **Outline**

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."
John 3:30 (NLT)

A. An encounter with Christ brings _____.
(Matthew 3:1-10; Luke 1:39-44. C/R: Luke 3:10-14; 7:28)

3. Releasing what's _____ assigned to me.
(John 3:28-30. C/R: Numbers 20:10-12; Proverbs 11:2)

B. Humility in Christ means...

1. Recognizing Christ's _____.
(Matthew 3:11-12. C/R: Psalm 112:1;
Philippians 2:10-11; James 4:10)

Answers: A. bold humility B. 1. Lordship 2. worthy 3. not

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you were filled with awe and wonder.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 3:1-17](#) and [John 3:28-30](#).

1. Why did John preach in the wilderness? Who would be listening to him there?
2. What does it mean for us today that *the Kingdom of Heaven is near*?
3. What's the significance of John's clothing and diet? Why were those details included in the story?
4. What's the heart of John's message?
5. What's the warning in vs. [10](#)? What important lesson can we learn from this?
6. What are characteristics of humility?
7. How does John's life demonstrate humility?

8. Have you ever felt lost or insignificant? Explain.

9. In what ways has Jesus changed the direction and purpose of your life?

10. What do you think God's message is to you this week?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Write down ways God has uniquely gifted you.

Memory Verse

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."

[John 3:30 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Psalm 112:1-5](#)

Day 4: [Proverbs 11:2](#)

Day 2: [James 4:7-10](#)

Day 5: [2 Corinthians 4:1-7](#)

Day 3: [Revelation 5:9-14](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 15, we'll continue our series *Encounters with Christ*.

To prepare read [Mark 10:17-31](#).



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