

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | John 3:22-36

SESSION SUMMARY

Many of us want to be known, recognized, popular—but that's not the kind of life God calls us to. Like John the Baptist, God calls us to use all the parts of our lives to point to Jesus, not to ourselves. In this session, we'll see how John told others Jesus was better and pointed them toward a relationship with Him. We'll learn that our lifestyle should point to Jesus and bring Him glory. These are the main themes:

- We must decrease (John 3:22-30).
- Christ must increase (John 3:31-36).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What situations most tempt each of our family members toward jealousy? Why?
- Who have we seen change as they became more popular or even famous? What happened?
- Why is it important for our family to seek Jesus's approval above the world's? Explain.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Grab one poster, one marker, and a sheet of paper and writing utensil for each family member. Draw a line down the middle of the poster; then label one column with a plus sign and the other with a minus sign. Tell family members to do the same with their individual sheets. Set a timer for three minutes, and invite family members to write in the plus column areas where Jesus needs to increase in their lives and what that might look like. Then, invite everyone to write in the minus column areas where they need to decrease their influence and what that might look like. Then, using the poster board, do the same thing as you consider your life as a family. Pray over what God would have you do to make more of Jesus than of yourselves.