

**Sermon Series:**  
I Must Decrease

**Sermon Passage:**  
John 3:22-30

1. All of John's followers were now "going to Him (Jesus)." How did John respond when his followers began following Jesus?
2. John's statement in verse 30 is memorable; "He must increase, but I must decrease." Why is it so difficult for us to willingly *decrease*?
3. Why do you think John didn't say, "He must increase, and then I will increase too?" Why would this proposed statement be inconsistent with the gospel message?
4. Read Matthew 16:24-26. What do you find challenging in this passage?
5. Each day we struggle with making life primarily about us or God. How do we daily trade a starring role in our story for a role in God's grand story?

**Helping One Another:**

Chose someone in your small group to pray for this week. Ask them how you can pray for them, then commit to praying for them this week.