



Agenda



4-Part Bible Study

1. The Baptism of Jesus
2. The Lamb of God and His Disciples
3. The Healing of the Leper
4. Salt and Light

Introduction – Letting Your Light Shine!

In April of 2021 the Missouri District rallied congregations, schools and ministries around Matthew 5:16 as Jesus compels His disciples (us) to let **our** light shine before **others** that they may see see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

The district-wide Servant Event entitled “SHINE!” in the NID is scheduled for April 14-23.





Session Two

The Lamb of God
and His Disciples

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit, You graciously bid us to draw near to where You abide for us in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, give us a heart to always desire to stay where You remain, that we might receive the blessings You bestow there and be well-equipped to speak to those we know about You, the Messiah. In Your Name, Amen.



Session Two

The Lamb of God and His Disciples

Today's world is often caught up with issues of identity. From politics, to gender, to favorite sporting teams, people seek to know themselves and others around them and determine what defines them both in relation to their community and at the core of their being.

Opening Discussion: Going and Abiding

Think about a time when someone recommended something to you that was a great blessing.

Think about a favorite memory related to the place where you abide.



John 1:29-34 . . . John the Baptizer points to Jesus

Behold, the Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son^[a] of God.”

Footnotes

- a. [John 1:34](#) Some manuscripts *the Chosen One*

Discussion on John 1:29-34

1. To what is the Evangelist John referring as he begins our text with the phrase, "The next day?"
2. What well-known confession does John the Baptist make regarding Jesus in John 1:29?
3. What details does John the Baptist reveal about his mission and about Jesus in John 1:30-31?

What further amazing things does John the Baptist reveal about Jesus in John 1:32-34?

John 1:35-42 . . . New Disciples...

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.^[b] ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus^[c] was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter^[d]).

Footnotes

b. [John 1:39](#) That is, about 4 P.M.

c. [John 1:40](#) Greek *him*

d. [John 1:42](#) *Cephas* and *Peter* are from the word for *rock* in Aramaic and Greek, respectively

Discussion on John 1:35-42

4. What new elements are added to this story in John 1:35-36? What is the result of John the Baptist's faithful witness? [verse 37]
5. What is the first statement Jesus makes in John's Gospel (John 1:38) and what is its significance?
6. Discuss the short, yet highly stylized, exchange between Jesus and the disciples in John 1:38b - 39.

Discussion – John 1:29-42

After spending the day with Jesus, what fruit does the Lord produce in the lives of these disciples?

How does Andrew's response to being with Jesus present a model for all of Jesus' disciples and the life of the Church?



Our Light Shining

Question 1

- Where does Jesus “abide” for you today?

Question 2

- How does spending time with Him equip you to let your light shine for others?

Question 3

- Who do you know with whom you could joyfully declare “*we have found the Messiah!*”?

What might bringing them to Jesus look like for you?



Thank you

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.



Our Light Shining

Question 1

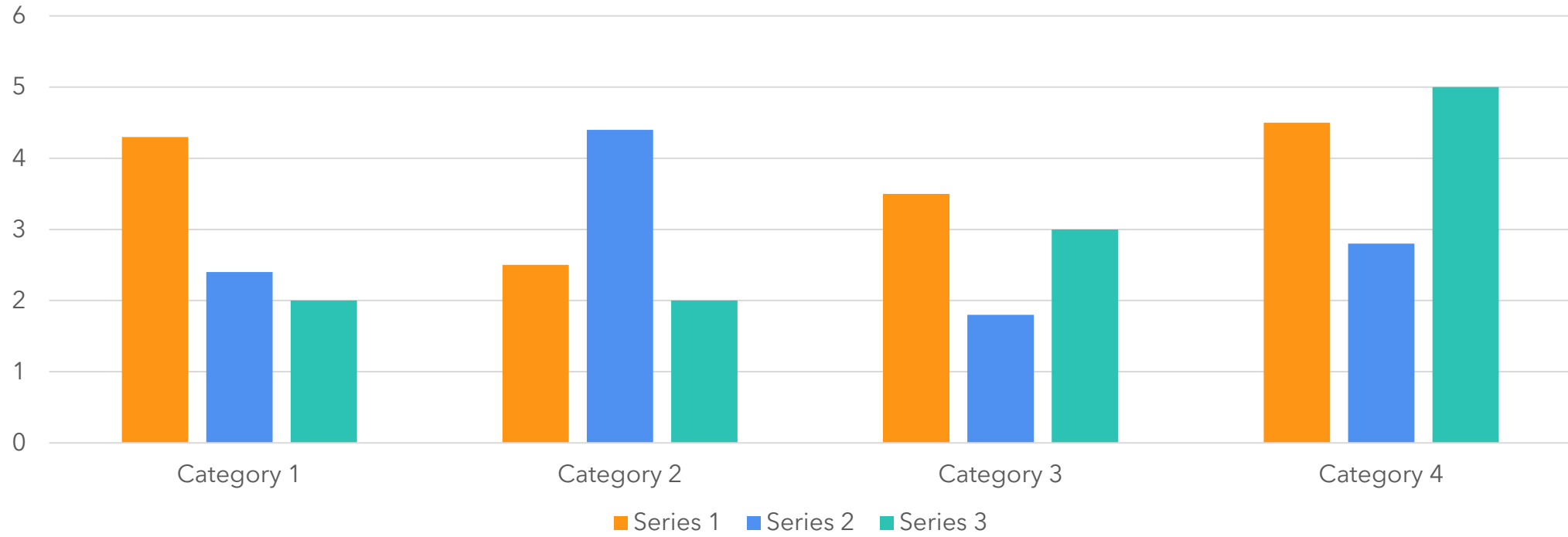
- How does Jesus “shine forth” in His Baptism for you?

Question 2

- How has the Lord declared us to be His beloved children, fitting us to “shine forth,” Christ’s love?



Chart



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