

John: A Witness

John 1:19-34

How's your witness?

John the Baptist shows what a faithful witness looks like.

Smoothing the path for a spiritual king

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Considerations for the week

John the Baptist calls himself “the voice of one crying out in the wilderness”. What is the significance of this phrase? How might this shape our understanding of Christian witness today?

John illustrates humility in ministry. From time-to-time, those who minister are tempted to desire recognition for their service. How might this be managed?

John prepares people for someone already “among you, whom you do not know”. What does this mean?

Where might Jesus be “among us” today in ways we fail to recognize?

John says, “I myself did not know him.” What does this mean, given that they were relatives?

How does God use revelation — not familiarity — to make Christ known?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” — John 1:29, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

Hebrews 13:15-16
John 1:19–34

Prayer today Members will be praying for us during the service today. Please write your requests and praises on a card from the pew back and place it into the offering plate as it passes.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Believer's baptism

Special music, *Go Ye Into All the World*

Hymn 66, *To God Be the Glory*

Hymn, *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn 309, *Pass It On*

Message

Hymn of response 294, *Set My Soul Afire*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday night supper is temporarily on hold due to kitchen renovations.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, May 16.

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Celebrating our graduates

May 31 following worship service

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>



Food donation collection Through May 17, for the benefit of CCSC (Christian Community Service Center).

Prayer Walk in the church neighborhood today after worship

Church Conference There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church on Sunday, May 24, 2025, at 12:45 pm.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.