

SERMON NOTES

Reason To Believe: Faithful Testimony
John 3:22-36

When we speak of someone's "testimony," we often refer to someone telling their story of how they became a Christian. However, a "testimony" is also a powerful tool to encourage God's people. The word in the New Testament for testimony is used twice in this passage (verses 26 and 28). The word means to bear witness – "to offer first-hand authentication in favor or in affirmation of someone." John was faithful to point his disciples to Jesus. In doing so, John strengthened and encouraged their faith.

Key thought: We are to faithfully point people to Jesus, in doing so we will reach the lost and encourage other believers.

THE STORY CONTINUES...

- The ministry of Jesus (22)
- The ministry of John (23-24)
- The opportunity to testify (25-26)

JOHN'S FAITHFUL TESTIMONY...

- A right view of self (27-28)
- There is joy in telling of God at work (29)
- Elevate Jesus, always (30)
- Testify to His deity and authority (31)
- Jesus' words are trustworthy (32-34)
- Jesus is God's provision for salvation (34-36)