

Texts: John 1:19-28

God has created each person with an original design and purposes for your life. Knowing who you are not allows you to receive and fully live into who God designed you to be.

John the Baptist's original design: (Luke 1:76-80)

Who John the Baptist is not (John 1:19-22):

- John is not the Messiah (John 1:20)
- John is not Elijah (John 1:21; Malachi 4:5-6)
- John is not The Prophet (John 1:21; Deuteronomy 18:15-18)

Who John the Baptist is (John 1:23-28):

- John is a voice in the wilderness, to prepare the way (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:3)
  - God intends to use each person to point people to Jesus using the unique gifts, talents, and resources that He has entrusted to them.
  - Question for Reflection: Who are the people that God has put in my life to make His love known? What resources, connections, gifts, talents, and resources has God given me to point people to Jesus?
- John is a baptizer in water (John 1:26; Luke 3:16)
  - Bearing witness to Jesus means using our human resources while trusting God to do the supernatural.
- John is unworthy to untie Jesus' sandals (John 1:27)
  - Bearing witness requires humility.

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# Life Groups

This is where we typically have life group discussion questions. However, our groups are on pause until the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Join A Life Group:

Life Groups are at the heart of what it means to be part of New Bridge. It's in these smaller communities that we learn how to more personally grow as a follower of Jesus, give and receive support in daily life, and together seek to make God's love known in the natural spheres of our lives. We'd love to help you find a life group that is the right community for you. If you are interested in joining a life group scan this QR code and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



## Life Group Ministry Need:

Though we currently have 25 life groups, we need more so that we can offer a place of community for people asking for a group. If you are interested in hosting or leading a life group, please email us at [lifegroups@nbccoly.org](mailto:lifegroups@nbccoly.org).