

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 28, 2015
John 3:22-4:3

1. Why did Jesus and his disciples go out to the countryside?
 - a. They probably need some R&R in the country.
 - b. They went out so that Jesus could spend some time with his disciples.
 - c. Jesus baptized while they were out there, so it seems that there were those who were making commitments to follow Him while they were there.
 - d. Other. _____

2. What was John doing at this time? _____

3. What argument developed between John's disciples and one of the Jews?
 - a. I don't really know.
 - b. It seems that one of the Jews was trying to determine the similarities and differences between John's baptism and the ceremonial washing of the Jews.
 - c. Most likely, John's young disciples were arguing with this certain Jew about which purification process was right or better.
 - d. John's baptism came with a change of life (Repentance) beyond the simple ceremony, so there was a significant difference between these two things.

4. What happened in verse 26 to change the topic of discussion? _____

5. What was John's response to the baptism that Jesus was practicing?
 - a. He told everybody why his own baptism was better.
 - b. He told them that each person can only do what God has called them to.
 - c. He again affirmed that he was not the Messiah, but that Jesus was.
 - d. He recognized his need to become less.

6. Do we ever find ourselves arguing about why our way of doing things is better?
Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

7. Do we ever try to advance our ministry above that of others or try to prove that we are better than those around us? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

8. Was Jesus really baptizing more than John? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____
