

**Lesson Overview:**

This Sunday we finish our series on Identity. In this series we spent some time looking at the fundamental fact that all our identity needs to be found in Christ first. Only by finding our core identity in Christ can we live, influence, and love those around us. This week's message titled "Stand" focuses on our need to choose where our identity is found and stand on that truth. Once we receive our identity from Christ we are placed in our sphere of influence to stand, to be light and salt to those around us. This is not always easy and we may have doubts, but when we face these doubts we can be sure of who we are in Christ and impact the world around us.

Lesson Prep for Leaders:

Main Bible Passage: Matthew 11: 1- 11 , Matthew 14: 12

Questions for Leaders to ask yourself:

- Where do you think the question John asked of Jesus came from?
- How was John able to respond once his questions and doubt was answered?
- What was John willing to risk once he knew who was in Christ?



Icebreaker (5 Min): What music are you listening to? What game should we all download and play together on our phones?

Students Lead (5 Min): Who was John the Baptist? What did he do?

Discussion Questions (10 Min):

- Why do you think John the Baptist asked Jesus the question “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” What answer did he get? How did this answer impact him?
- How does knowing who you are in Christ impact you? Share how being a Christian changes what you do and how you act?
- What did John the Baptist risk for Jesus? Are you willing to risk for Jesus? Why?

Next Steps (2 Min): As a group choose an action step to take to risk for Jesus this week, who will each student share their faith with? Who will they invite to church? What will they say no to?

Prayer (2 Min): Close your time in Prayer