

## **Discussion Questions    Course 206–3**

### **Large Group**

1. If you were here for the previous videos, why didn't Joy think Chris should play the new video games he was given?
2. Matthew 11:11. Who said these words in our video today?
3. Can you think of some reasons Jesus may have said this about John?
4. John the Baptist is also called John the Baptizer. He came as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet this verse tells us that we can be greater in the Kingdom than John. Why?

### **Small Group**

#### **Teaching**

1. Can you see what is drawn at the top of the sticks? Does anyone have an idea why the sticks with faces are in the water?

#### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. Who can name the first six fruit of the Spirit?
2. Last time, we talked about patience, kindness and goodness. Did any of you pray about being patient, kind and good in the past few days? What happened when you did?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Superverse Game**

1. Do you remember in the video what live food John caught and ate?

### **Balloon Object Lesson**

1. We have been talking about how to can become great in God's Kingdom. Hmmm, let me think: can I become great because of my talents, abilities or skills?
2. Can I become great in God's Kingdom because of all the good things I have done?
3. Oh—is it because I am clever or smart?
4. 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. The Apostle Paul wasn't talking about this kind of strength. He didn't say I am strong when I feel powerful, did he?
5. If you were this balloon, do you think you would want to boast about your strength? Explain.

### **Coloring Activity**

1. Why is Jesus walking toward the river in the picture?
2. Do you remember why Jesus said He must be baptized?
3. Who said John was the greatest of all who had lived?
4. How can you become great in God's Kingdom?
5. Imagine you're John the Baptist; what would it feel like for Jesus to come to you to be baptized?
6. Do you think you can be great in God's Kingdom; why or why not?

### **Bible Study**

#### **Matthew 5:19**

1. What does this verse say about the importance of living a life of obedience to God's Word?

2. According to this verse, how can we be called great in God's Kingdom?
3. Do you think we can be great just by going to church?
4. Does this mean that we all have to be teachers and preachers? How can we teach without speaking?
5. Can we keep God's commandments in our own ability and strength? Do we need help?

### **Matthew 20:26–28 (CEV)**

1. In verse 26—do you think that Kingdom greatness is the same or different than worldly greatness? How?
2. What does Jesus say we must become to be great, or first in the Kingdom?
3. Do you think the world would think of a servant as great in most cases?
4. In verse 28, what did Jesus call Himself, and what did He say He would do?
5. Does this change your view of being great in God's Kingdom? How?

### **John 14:12**

1. What does this verse say we must do so we can do great works for the Kingdom of God?
2. How do you think we could do even greater works than Jesus?
3. Do you ever look at what others did in the Bible and think you can't possibly do the same?
4. Have you ever heard someone say that great works like Jesus and His followers did were just for that time in history and aren't done today? What do you think?
5. Are Jesus' words still true for us?

### **John 15:20**

1. If we are great in God's Kingdom, will everything be smooth in our lives?
2. If Jesus experienced persecution and problems, what can we expect?
3. Do you ever feel like you are doing something wrong if you ever experience struggles or have a tough time?
4. According to this verse, will everyone believe what we say about the Gospel, about Jesus and His Kingdom?