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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Takeaways September 6, 2020

The following are discussion questions based on the sermon by Pastor Sylvia Watson entitled "Decrease." This sermon was preached on September 6th. These questions can be used as a resource to guide discussion after viewing the message from our pastors. We hope these will be a great resource for you as you come together to dig deeper into God's word.

1. What is one main "takeaway" you gleaned from Pastor Sylvia's sermon?
2. What insights and/or questions did you find in the John 1:19-21; 3:26-30 passages?
3. In ways did John's the Baptist's use of the "bridegroom" illustration (John 3:28-30) explain his role with regard to Jesus?
4. What does the saying "God is God and I am not" mean to you, personally?
5. Why do you think John felt that he had to make sure people knew that he was not the "messiah?" Why was this "messiah" so important to the Jewish people?
6. What do you think John meant by "He must increase and I must decrease?"
7. In what areas do you find it difficult to give God/others credit?
8. In what ways do you point others to God?
9. How would you interpret the meaning of the saying, "The end of ourselves is the beginning of God?"
10. What burdens are you carrying that you should "let go and let God?"

Scripture References:
John 1:19-21; 3:26-30;
Psalm 46:10;
Philippians 2:1-8