



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title:** The Advent Series: Pointing to Jesus

**Speaker:** Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

**Scriptures:** John 1 6-8

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, we celebrate the first week of the Advent season. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for God's coming in Christ. Each Sunday during Advent, we will examine four biblical characters who help us prepare our hearts for Christmas.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Name one thing your family of origin pointed you toward. In other words, what did they value or emphasize was most important?
2. Read the Scripture passage again. What stands out to you about John the Baptist from John and Pastor Rich's sermon?
3. "The point of Christianity is to direct all things to Jesus." Who has been instrumental in pointing you to Jesus? Share specific ways they have encouraged you.
4. Pastor Rich shared four reasons for pointing people to Jesus:
  - To help others see the presence of God in their midst
  - To live with a heart directed towards Jesus and his mission
  - Help people make sense of their desires
  - Live with hope in the midst of the darkness
    - ◆ What reason compels you to point other people to Jesus (from the list or one of your own)?
5. Pray for intentional space and time to make room for Jesus this Advent season and for wisdom and courage to point others to Jesus this week.