



## ***Slaying Dragons: Week 4 — “Jealousy”***

**CONNECT:** Unless you are one of the genetic elite, you can count on there always being someone better, faster, smarter, or stronger than you. What skills or talents do you admire in other people?

### **GROW:**

1. In what ways have you experienced jealousy in your life? Do you recognize it as jealousy, or does it present as something else (e.g., comparison, competition, resentment, etc.)?
2. **Read John 3:26-27.** Have you ever considered the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist?
  - a. How do you think the disciples of John the Baptist felt about what they had heard about Jesus?
  - b. Have you ever felt like certain circumstances naturally led you to compare yourself to another person?
  - c. What can we learn from John’s response to his disciples’ concerns (verse 27)?
3. **Read Mark 9:38-40.** Have you ever seen jealousy and competition within the body of Christ?
4. In the sermon, Jon challenged us to combat jealousy by loving God completely, loving others compassionately, and loving yourself correctly.
  - a. **Read Psalm 8:3-4.** Have you ever marveled at God’s creation? What kinds of moments or contexts point your mind toward your Creator?
  - b. **Read Proverbs 14:30.** Tell about a time when you were really happy for someone and celebrated with them in their joy.
  - c. **Psalm 32:1-5.** Have you felt the freedom of forgiveness, or is it difficult to relate to the joy David describes in this passage?

**PRAY:** Pray through **Psalm 139:23-24** — *“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

**NEXT:** Take a few moments each day this week to consider God’s creation. Take a walk outside, watch a sunset, hold a baby. Whatever points your mind to the heavens, find time to experience God’s creation.