

Discussion Guide| John 12:20-36

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 12:20-36

The Glory of God

- When you think about the word Glory, what naturally comes to mind?
- Where do you most easily give “weight” to things that are ultimately light?
- What helps you keep God’s glory—His weight, importance, and worth—in the center?

John Stott:

“There is no greater cleavage between faith and unbelief than in their respective attitudes to the cross. Where faith sees glory, unbelief sees only disgrace. What was foolishness to Greeks and continues to be to modern intellectuals who trust in their own wisdom, is nevertheless the wisdom of God. And what remains a stumbling block to those who trust in their own righteousness, like the Jewish leaders of the first century, proves to be the saving power of God.

The cross is where Christians “...have found their pride broken, their guilt expunged, their love kindled, their hope restored, and their character transformed.” (*The Cross of Christ*)

- Why is the cross such a paradox—both disgrace and glory?
- How does the cross reveal what truly matters to God?

My Soul is Troubled

- When your soul is troubled, what is your natural response?
- How does praising God help you put your troubles in their proper place?
- How do you practice obedience when life is confusing, painful, or overwhelming?

He Shares His Glory

- How have you experienced the sharing of God’s peace, joy, and strength as you’ve drawn closer to Him?
- How is Jesus inviting you to praise Him, trust Him, or surrender something to Him?

Closing Prayer