

John 12:20-50

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Reflect on and discuss the following questions on discipleship from John 12:24-26: Why is the price of discipleship so high / why is self-denial so hard? Encourage one another by sharing examples of what following Jesus looks like in your life? How should Jesus' promises motivate us (see v. 26)?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says He "will be lifted up" (12:32)? Look at John 12:27-36 and list the repercussions from Jesus being "lifted up".
3. What explanation does John give his readers for the lack of faith in spite of Jesus' many signs (12:37-43)?
4. John places the content of 12:44-50 here as Jesus' last public teaching before His death, in a real sense John uses this as Jesus' public farewell address. So, what we learn about the heart of Christ for sinners? What do we learn about the origins/authority of Jesus' ministry? What warnings does Jesus provide? How then should we respond?