



Week 19
Discussion Questions

Text: John 12:20-50

Icebreaker: If you had to describe your week as weather, what kind of weather did you experience and why would you describe it that way?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. Throughout these verses there are several call-backs to previous things Jesus has said or claims he has made in John. One way these references have been described is as "hyperlinks". When you see it in this passage, it is meant to link you back to what was revealed previously, and the expectation is that those things would be in your mind now. What looks familiar in this passage, where have you seen it before in John, and what does John (or Jesus) expect you to have in mind as you hear Jesus' words now?
3. Look back at John 2:4; 4:23; 5:25; and 7:6. What difference do you notice from these texts and what we read in John 12:20-50?
4. What is the "hour" Jesus references in these passages? (Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Dan.7:13-14)
5. How is the word "glory" used today in our everyday language?
6. How does the Bible use the word "glory"? What differences are there between its everyday use and the biblical use? (Ex. 40:34-35; Ps. 19:1; Ps. 115:1; Rom. 3:23; Rev. 5:12)
7. Within this passage, Jesus reveals the purposes for which He came to earth. List the various reasons he claims and discuss how this is connected to his invitation to follow him?
8. In what way is God glorified through Jesus' death?
9. Reflect on the various characters in this passage. What do their intents and actions reveal about whose glory they are seeking?
10. Be honest with yourself: whose glory have you been seeking lately?
11. With Jesus' example in mind, what does it mean for you to glorify God? What is one concrete way this can glorify God in your life this week as you seek to follow Him?