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To Die is Gain

John 12:20-26

I. God-fearing Gentiles Who Want to See Jesus (vv. 20-22)

- A. The _____ and events of the passion week (v. 20a) [Mk. 11:12-14; vv. 15-17]
- B. The _____ who wanted to see and worship Jesus (vv. 20b-21) [Gen. 12:3; 22:18; Isa. 49:6; Acts 10:1-2, 34-36]
- C. The _____ of handling these kind of requests (v. 22) [Matt. 10:5-6; 15:24; Jn. 1:41; 6:8-9]

II. What it Looks Like for the Son of Man to be Glorified (vv. 23-24)

- A. The _____ has come (v. 23a-b) [Jn. 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; Dan. 7:13-14]
- B. The crucifixion and resurrection is _____ (v. 23c) [Lk. 24:25-27]
- C. The _____ illustration (v. 24) [Matt. 7:16-17; Mk. 4:3-9, 26-29, 30-32]

III. Losing Your Life Leads to Keeping it Forever (v. 25)

- A. What does it mean to _____? [Matt. 16:26]
- B. What does it mean to _____? [Lk. 14:26]
- C. What does it mean to _____ it for all eternity? [Matt. 6:31-33]

IV. The One Who Serves Follows in the Footsteps of Jesus (v. 26)

- A. Serving is _____ [Mk. 9:35; 1 Jn. 2:6]
- B. Where He is, is _____ you need to be [Jn. 14:3]
- C. True servants will _____ true honor [Matt. 25:21; Psa. 91:15]

TAKE HOME

- Are you willing to bear your **cross** before receiving a crown?
- Are you willing to hate your life in this **world** so that you can have eternal life?
- Are you willing to **serve** and follow Jesus every day?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 12:20-22. What week is this? What are two other important events that happened during this week? (Mark 11:12-14 and Mark 11: 15-17) How do these two events help us understand our passage in John 12 with even greater significance?

2. Read Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Isaiah 49:6 and Acts 10:1-2, 34-36. How do these passages show an emphasis on the Gentiles? Why does this matter?

3. Read John 12:23. What does it mean that the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified? (Dan. 7:13-14; Luke 24:25-27) What is Jesus’ glorification?

4. Read John 12:24. Explain this divine illustration. What can we learn from it? Why is this illustration so powerful?

5. Read John 12:25. What does it mean in this context to love? (Matt. 16:26) What does it mean in this context to hate? (Lk. 14:26) Are you loving and hating in these ways? Explain your answer.

6. Read John 12:26. How is serving described in this verse? (Mk. 9:35; 1 Jn. 26). Can you be a follower of Jesus if you are not serving Him?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life with “to die is gain” in mind this week?

“The way of self-crucifixion and sanctification may seem foolishness and waste to the world, just as burying good seed-corn seems waste to the child and the fool. But there never lived the man who did not find that, by sowing to the Spirit, he reaped life everlasting.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*