

Home Group Notes
Week of October 31, 2021
John 12:20-26



Home Groups are aimed at building true community, where people can encourage each other and bear one another's burdens. You can find out more at www.trinityonline.org.

CALENDAR ALERT REGARDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

- **8:00 am-noon**, all are invited (kids too) to a pre-build on the campus west parking lot
- **7:00-9:00pm**, all are invited to a viewing of "Ends of the Earth" in the Worship Center

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

What comes to mind when you hear this statement from Jesus: "The person who loves their life will lose it, while the one who hates their life will keep it for eternal life?"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Three big movements begin John 12:20-26. This passage follows a series where Jesus is clearly calling people to believe in Him as Messiah. Read the passage and consider these questions.

What are your first impressions from these seven verses?

How would you outline or overview what happens and what Jesus said?

What was the request of the "Greeks (non-Jews)?" What might this mean?

The author (John) was very specific about the request coming through Andrew and Philip. They too, had Greek names and came from a region with many non-Jews (Bethsaida). How might this fit into the big picture of what is happening? (See also John 1:37-45)

We don't know if Jesus met with those requesting to "see" Him. However, Jesus does give a reply (v. 23). What is the possible connection between "some Greeks" who "would like to see Jesus" and the "many seeds" of verse 24?

What do we learn about Jesus' and His purpose/mission in this passage?

How do you understand Jesus' statement in verse 25? What is wrong with loving one's life? What does it mean to "lose it?"

Verse 26 changes from a generalized statement about "anyone" to a statement about those who "serve" and "follow" Me. (Note: To "follow" means to answer the call of Jesus with your whole life in obedience.) What are the promises to those who serve and follow?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What did Jesus refer to when He spoke of being "glorified?" How does this fit with the world's understanding of what it means to be glorified?

How are we to understand Jesus' statement in verse 25? How does this fit with the world's understanding?

We talk about and sing songs about 'following Jesus' and sometimes call ourselves 'Christ-followers.' What do we mean by this? How are Jesus' promises directly connected with His call to follow? Vs. 25-26. (Refer also to other Scriptures you might know)

PRAY TOGETHER

- Please pray for your adopted global partners
- Please pray for our High School students and our leadership team
- Please pray for our national and local leaders