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DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHEN. . . ?

When do you remember a time when you were facing an hour where something was going to be difficult? (e.g. physical, emotional, relational)

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

This week, we are going to focus on John 12:27-36. We have come to "The hour" . . . "for the Son of Man to be glorified." (12:23) Jesus spoke fulfilling His mission to suffer and die in our place. Several things set the stage for our passage:

- Mary anointed Jesus, which became a symbol of preparing Him to die
- Chief priests made plans to kill Jesus and Lazarus
- Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, initializing his entry as the Messiah/king
- The Pharisees were concerned that "the whole world has gone after him"
- Some Greeks (non-Jews) were interested in Jesus
- This triggered a response from Jesus: "Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." Jesus spoke of His impending death and called for His followers to lose their life and follow Him.

Read John 12:27-36 and consider these questions and thoughts.

Tips:

"troubled" = Jesus "soul/heart" was stirred up or troubled at the imminent plan to take on the sins of humankind and be separated from the Father

"heart/soul" = the seat of life and affections, the inner life of a person

"this hour" = the time when Jesus would take on the suffering for the sins of people through the cross

"glorify" = to honor and make known

What do we learn about Jesus' character and His mission?

What do you think and feel as you see Jesus facing the cross?

Matthew 26:37-38

Mark 14:33-36

Luke 22:44

John 12:27

What does Jesus desire to achieve by fulfilling His mission?

It is rare (three times) that God the Father speaks as a voice from heaven. Why do you think it would happen at this time? (28)

What four things did Jesus reveal that are about to happen as a result of his death? (31-32)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

How did the crowd react to Jesus' announcement that He would be "lifted up?" (34)

How did Jesus respond to their questions? (35-36)

Why might Jesus have hidden Himself at this time? (36)

DISCUSS TOGETHER

This is one of those rare passages that overviews some of what Jesus would accomplish on the cross. How are each of these a gift to us and a reason to praise God? (See the question above on the four things)

This passage reveals Jesus' passion and pain. What do you think and feel as you reflect on what this reveals about Jesus?

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our Elders as they continue to lead us and listen for God's choice for a Student Ministries Pastor
- Pray for our Kid's Ministries team who love and serve families
- Pray for the people in your world who are learning about Jesus