

SERMON OUTLINE John 12:17-26

Everyone Who Hates His Life Will Keep It

THE CROWD AND THEIR QUESTION

The Makeup of the Crowd

The Question of the Crowd

JESUS AND HIS ANSWER

Jesus' Time and Mission

The Nature of Trusting Jesus as Treasure

1. *Love Your Life to Lose It*
2. *Hate Your Life to Keep It*
3. *Serve Me*
4. *Follow Me*

The Nature of Jesus as Treasure

1. *We will be with Jesus.*
2. *We will be honored by the Father.*

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is a promise from Jesus that everyone might be honored by God in eternal life. Jesus revealed in our passage that He came not only for the physical offspring of Abraham, but for anyone who would surrender themselves to Him, loving Him above all things, trusting in Him alone, serving Him as the King of kings, and following Him wherever He leads. And the main takeaway is that we might all die, love, hate, serve, and follow; that is, that we might trust and treasure Jesus above all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What is your first thought when you read the title of this sermon?
3. Is there anyone that seems unsavable to you? What is it about them that makes you think that? How does this passage help you to think differently about that person?
4. Can you relate at all to the Greeks who were wondering if they would be accepted by Jesus?
5. What's one question you wish the Bible would answer that it doesn't seem to? Why do you think it doesn't?
6. What is your main reason for going to Jesus? Why are you interested in Him?
7. Can you explain what it meant that Jesus was about to be glorified? Can you explain why that is good news for the Greeks?
8. Do you trust in Jesus as your greatest treasure? Had you ever considered that as the essence of faith?
9. Are there any ways you love your life in the way Jesus prohibited? Do you hate your life in any of the ways Jesus extolled?
10. What does it mean to serve and follow Jesus today? Is your life characterized by serving and following Jesus?
11. Would anyone watching your life conclude that being with Jesus and being honored by God are the things you most desire?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Prayerfully and lovingly share the gospel with the person you know who seems least likely to receive it.
14. Memorize three verses describing the glory and power of Jesus.
15. Identify something competing with Jesus for your highest affection. Ask God to help you see that Jesus is infinitely better.
16. Identify one specific area in which you are struggling to trust in Jesus. Ask God to help you see that His promises are perfect.
17. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Pair up with someone from your DG and intentionally serve one of the "least of these" this week.
18. Skim back over John's Gospel (chapters 1-12) and find one place that Jesus went that you are not following Him. Follow Him.
19. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
20. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

21. Adoration. Praise God for being glorified. Praise God for being the sovereign fruit bearer. Praise God for being God of the entire universe. Praise God that He is merciful and gracious to all who will receive it. Praise God for being entirely honorable.
22. Confess. Confess any ways you love something in a manner that is dishonoring to God. Confess any ways you've been selfish. Concess a lack of a servant's heart. Confess any misplaced treasuring or fear that keeps you from following Jesus.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God that salvation is free for everyone who will receive it in faith. Thank God for being infinitely glorious.
24. Supplication. Ask God to heal and comfort someone who is suffering. Ask God to save someone who is unbelieving.