

Glory From God

John 12:36-43

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Jesus gives glory to God by laying down his life.

The servants of Jesus serve.

Servants choose to be preserved or planted.

Obedience and serving are the call despite fear.

JESUS came to SERVE.

John 12:36-43 – While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. "When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

The Unbelief of the People Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? " Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them. " Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

The glory of MAN is to be SEEN as faithful, respectable, in good standing with the right people, DISCERNING, and WISE.

When I keep faith QUIET to avoid TENSION, then I live in

the GLORY of MAN.

The glory that comes from GOD is GOD.

The GLORY that comes from GOD is TRANSFORMATION.

The GLORY that comes from GOD reveals JESUS.

Small Group Questions:

Why do you think Jesus gives the invitation to “walk in the light” and then withdraws?

What does that say about responsibility and response?

The leaders feared being put out of the synagogue.

What are the modern “synagogues” people are afraid of losing today?

The sermon says the glory of man costs little but shapes everything.

Where do you see that kind of glory quietly directing decisions in your life?

Isaiah saw God as holy, reigning, and unmanageable.

Which of those truths is hardest for you to sit with—and why?

If someone looked at your actual choices this week, which glory would they say you’re living for?

What might need to change for that answer to be different?