

**Christ In A Competitive World:**  
**PART 1 - Jesus' Love & Our Competition to Know**  
**John 12:12-19 & John 13:21-30**

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- Story-Form - Gospel Purpose - **John 20:30-31**
- Peter, John & Jesus in the Gospel of John

**Joy Without Full Knowledge (John 12:12-19)**

- The Gospel Story
- A Few Principles:
  1. You Can Have Great Joy In Jesus Christ Without Knowing Everything
  2. You Can Have Great Joy In Jesus Christ Without Comprehending All that God is Currently Doing
  3. Understanding How Great Jesus Is Will Lead to Faith Or Frustration

**Deep Data & Great Sorrow (John 13:21-30)**

- The Gospel Story
- A Few Principles:
  1. Knowing Does Not Satisfy the Way We Thought It Would
  2. Knowledge Can Make Us Competitive & Proud
  3. Knowledge Must Be Married To Love

**Jesus' Love & Our Competition to Know**

1. Jesus' Love is the Key to Rightly Knowing Knowledge
2. Just Because You Know Something Doesn't Make It Easier; Knowing Something Often Makes it Harder
3. Rightly Knowing Leads to Real Sacrificial Love
4. Rightly Knowing Christ Leads to Trusting His Sacrificial Love

## **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the passage challenge or encourage you?
2. Do you have any questions? (Or how would you summarize the message of this section or story?)
3. We all crave having the inside scoop. Why do we want to know about what is going to happen and who it is going to happen to?
4. What are examples in your life and experience of when it is healthy and helpful to be competitive? When it is unhelpful and harmful to be competitive?
5. Even if you do not understand exactly what God is doing, what are some specific ways you can find joy in Jesus Christ?