

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John: What Does He Really Offer?

Sermon Title: Search History

Sermon Text: John 12:20-36

Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026

Congregational Reading:

John 12:25-26, “Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”

Question of the Day: What do your priorities say about what you’re searching for?

Bottom Line: Every heart is searching for the God who made it.

1. God welcomes every searching heart. (John 12:20-22)

Application Question: If someone looked at the direction of my life, what would they conclude I’m searching for?

2. God is most clearly revealed in Christ crucified. (John 12:23-33)

Application Question: Am I interpreting God’s love for me through my circumstances or through the cross of Christ?

3. The search for God ends where surrender begins. (John 12:34-36)

Application Question: What am I still holding onto that Jesus is asking me to place in His hands?

Benediction / Blessing:

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who did not cling to His life but laid it down for the world, teach you to open your hands and trust Him with all that you cannot control.

May God the Father meet your searching heart with His mercy, and when His love feels hidden by your circumstances, may the cross remind you that His love has already been proven.

May the Holy Spirit keep and strengthen you, even when the road is costly, the answers are incomplete, and the next step requires courage.

May what you surrender become seed in the hands of God, and may what feels like loss become, by His grace, the beginning of something new.

May you go forth with confidence, knowing the cross has settled the question of God’s love, and the risen Christ has secured your future.

And may you always remember that the One who gave His life can be trusted with yours.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.