

Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:

Week 7

Beginning question: If you had a talk show, who would your first three guests be?

*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God for a believing and receptive heart and for God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.

Read John 11:45-57, and John 12:1-19

What actions do you see here and what does John tell us about what motivates them?

What do people's responses to Jesus reveal about what they believe about him?

How have you seen different people in your life respond to Jesus?

John 12:20-36

How does Jesus describe what will happen to him and how it affects those listening?

How will the death of Jesus glorify the Father?

As you reflect on how Jesus approached his own death, how does that challenge or encourage you?

John 12:37-50

Who speaks and why? Who is silent and why?

When we will not believe, or will not act on what we believe, what happens to our spiritual senses and why?

Ask God to examine your own heart: where do you love the glory that comes from people more than the glory that comes from God?

John 12 **Optionally end with the John 12 Prayer*

Great God, thank You for the hope that we have in Christ, a hope of resurrection life. Help us to testify to this great hope by giving ourselves to the work of the Kingdom even now. We know of the death of Christ for sinners, and we believe in His resurrection. Your Son has come in Your Name as the King of Israel. What kind of King is Your Son? Gentiles find their place in this great King of the Jews. This could not happen without His death. He gave His life for us, and we now have life. You have glorified Your Name in Your Son. He was lifted up on the cross, defeating the power of evil and drawing many people from all the nations to Himself. Today we walk in His light, for He has made us to be sons and daughters of light through faith in Him. We have believed the report that has been revealed to us by Your Word and Spirit. Help us to be courageous in our testimony to Your Son. Let us love the glory that will come from you more than the glory that men give.