

Small Group

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV

## SUMMARY

Tyler Golson shared a powerful message entitled "Midnight Black" as we looked at John 12:37-41. In this message, we considered the sovereignty of God and the free will that people have to choose or deny Christ as Lord. The window of grace and mercy is not open forever.

- 1. In this passage, we learned that at some point there's a line that is crossed where God does harden the hearts of those who have willingly and repeatedly rejected Jesus.
  - Have you ever considered this reality before? What are the implications of this truth?
  - Ultimately, God is the ONLY One who knows if someone is 'too far gone'. Knowing this, why is it still so easy for us to act as though we know people's hearts?
- 2. From this passage, we learn about the free will of man meaning we can choose to follow Jesus or not. And, we learn about the absolute sovereignty of God meaning that nothing happens in the universe outside of His knowledge and authority.
  - How have you personally wrestled with the facts that God is sovereign and that man has free will to choose Jesus?
  - The reality is that our finite minds cannot fully reconcile the sovereignty of God and the free will of man. What is it in the heart of a man that thinks he can fully explain and understand the ways of God? (See Psalm 139:6, Isaiah 55:8-9)
- 3. Tyler shared how these truths from this passage need to light a fire of urgency within the hearts of all believers to share the gospel with the lost.
  - What feeling(s) do you have when you share the gospel with others? How might you grow in this area?
  - Talk about a time when you shared the gospel with someone, despite the fear you had.
  - Who do you need to engage in a gospel conversation this week? What will it look like for you to do so?

## **PRAYER**

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Pray that these truths will ignite a passion in us to share the gospel with those who need to hear it!







