

## Week 4 – John 12:20-36

These studies are designed to help you lead your groups in a ‘free-flowing’ or ‘exploratory’ approach. Each study will follow a 5 step Bible study method: **Context // Structure // Observations // Meaning // Application**. We hope this teaches a helpful way for our group members to read the Bible well and enriches their own reading.

Questions in orange are optional ‘helper’ questions.

Pray for your time in God’s Word.

**CONTEXT:** Can anyone remember what the ‘tipping point’ was that made the Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus? (Hint: 11:48, 11:52, 12:17-18)

Read John 12:20-36

**STRUCTURE:** How is this section structured?

- The passage is mainly a record of different people speaking. What is the flow of the conversation?

**OBSERVATIONS:** What are the main topics of conversation throughout this passage?

- What are the repeated ideas or words?
- How would you describe the tone of what Jesus is talking about?
- What are the tricky bits in the things Jesus says?

**MEANING:**

- The idea of ‘glory’ comes up multiple times here (vs. 23, and a few times in vs. 28). What does this mean, and how will Jesus be glorified?
- Have another look at verses 24-26: In what way does the Christian life have a similar shape to the death and resurrection of Jesus?
  - Is this your experience of the Christian life?
- Often companies and businesses have “vision” or “mission” statements. From this passage, what would you say is Jesus’ vision/mission statement for his life?

**APPLICATION:** How should this passage affect our hearts, minds, lives?

- How does Jesus’ promise at the end of verse 26 affect your walk with him?
- What from this passage encourages you to admire/adore/love Jesus?

- Our live circumstances are obviously very different from those of Jesus! But are there ways you can be more like him in your life?

## PRAY

**For your own reflection after the study:**

Growth Group Leaders Reflection Tool

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ASK YOURSELF:



What was good?



What do I want to grow in?



What should I go and do next (what actions to take)?