

The Heart of the Matter

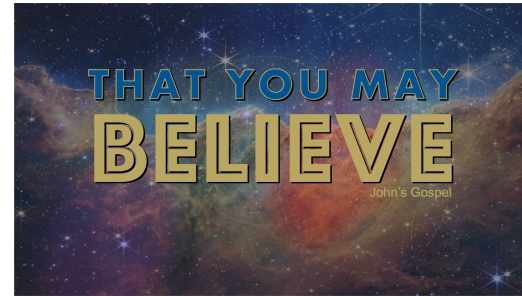
12. What convinced you that Jesus is your King? What type of King is He to you?

13. In what areas of your life are you still on the throne and Jesus isn't?

14. In what areas in your life do you need to lay down your life? What do you need to embrace? What do you need to let go of?

15. Do you have a sense that you are walking in the dark or the light? Or are you in the shadowlands? Where is the light shining brightest around you? Where do you need to go?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Father Glorify Your Name John 12:9-36 For the Week of January 14, 2024

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What do you like best about parades: Bands, Floats, Vendors, Clowns? What do you like least? Why?
3. Are you more likely to panic in the big issues or the little ones? Explain.

Digging Deeper

4. Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Lazarus? What did the living Lazarus show the world about Jesus?

5. Why did Jesus ride on a lowly donkey as He approached Jerusalem? (Zechariah 9:9) What would a conquering hero ride? Why?

6. This is the only time Jesus permitted a public celebration on His behalf. Why did He allow this to happen now? Why was the crowd so excited about His arrival? What were the disciples and the Pharisees thinking about all of this pageantry?

7. What does Jesus mean in verse 24? How are God's children like seeds of a plant? What must we do when we receive Christ? (Colossians 3:1-3) What will be the result?

8. What did Jesus mean in verse 25? How does this connect with what C.S. Lewis wrote: "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither." What should we lose our life for?

9. In verse 28 Jesus prayed for His Father's name to be glorified. What did God's reply from heaven mean? How would all of this cause the "ruler of this world" to be cast out?

10. In verses 27-32, what is about to occur "now"? How does this affect Jesus? Why did the crowd deny the reality of Jesus' future death? V32-34

11. Jesus calls Himself "The Light" in verses 35 and 36. How is Jesus the light of the world? How can we be children of light?