



Greeks, Glory & the Gospel

Start by reflecting on the rhythms of your life. Which of them are motivated primarily by your faith as a follower of Jesus? The goal in sharing your reflections is to listen for things to celebrate and thank God for, and to listen for themes or areas of life to ask questions and speak truth in love, as you point each other towards Jesus. After they share, pray for the person who shared and ask who will share next week.

OPENING COMMENT

The Good News of Jesus is that those who confess Him as their King and believe in His finished work on the cross are forgiven of their sin and set free from condemnation and shame. This Gospel is such Good News that it demands that we live for God's glory and service as Jesus did. Have you been saved by God's grace? Are you living for God's glory? And are you a fully devoted follower of Jesus, in service for the King?

What big takeaway or truth from the Word stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

READ THE TEXT: John 12:20-50

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him. ²⁷"Now is my should troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify



your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it ... continue to v.50

I. Greeks (vv.20-26)

1. How would you respond if you were asked, "I want to see Jesus?" (v.21) How would you "bring someone to Jesus"? As you reflected on the rhythms of your life, which do you think would qualify as "questionable" - practices that those in your life, who are not followers of Jesus, would find surprising or intriguing about your faith?
2. How would you/do you share the Gospel with an unbeliever? What is the Gospel message? (use vs.44-46, cf. John 17:1-5, as a starting point and discuss from there)
3. How are you currently *servicing* Jesus? (v.26) Are people being "brought to Jesus" *through your service*?

II. Glory (vv.27-43)

1. Jesus came for God's glory, Jesus lived for God's glory, Jesus died for God's glory? What does v.25 mean to you? Do you find yourself taking "the path of least resistance" in your walk with Jesus (v.27) What have you personally endured or sacrificed as a result of your identification with Jesus? Was it/is it worth it?
2. What are some ways (in your current context) that you can live the next hour, day, week and the months ahead that will bring glory to God and point people to Jesus? Reference Colossians 3:1-4 Share together. Pray for one another.

III. Gospel (vv.44-50)

1. You may not see yourself as an Evangelist, but do you think Evangelistically? Discuss the following statement - "Evangelistic mission works effectively when we are living generous, hospitable, Spirit-led, Christlike lives as missionaries to our own neighbourhoods." (Surprise the World, Michael Frost) - Where people will ask "I want to see Jesus." Where you can "bring someone to Jesus."

IV. Application

1. Spend time praying for people you know who have "blinded eyes" and "hardened hearts" - people you know who "love the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God" (vs.36b-43) - What would it mean for you to "take the way of Jesus" when He said, "...I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world." (v.47)



CONCLUSION

"A career is what you are paid to do; a calling is what you are made to do." (Brain Houston)

What kind of life do you need to live to engage in Gospel conversation with others?

SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of this text and your discussion around it.
- Pray God's leading for your Life Group for ways to engage the community with an Evangelistic mindset, by identify a mission field for you to engage in together.
- Thank God for specific ways your group is like family to you and how they show you different aspects of the love of God and challenge you as a disciple of Jesus.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

