

Life Group Study Notes

June 1, 2025

THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE

Lose to Win

John 12:23-26



Life is precious. Regardless of the difficulties, life can become an idol that we desperately cling to. Jesus taught something beyond the norm about life, something with far more meaning and purpose.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What is one takeaway or one key idea from last week's study? (Hint: It was on "humility").
2. In a culture of self-actualization, how has this affected the social fabric of our culture?
3. Do you think that the heightened focus on self is contributing to the loneliness epidemic, if not the rise in anxiety and stress levels?

Read John 12:23-26.

4. Take time to discuss the significance of Jesus' comment, "Now the time has come... in verse 23?"

5. What was presented in the message about John's concept of life? Discuss each.
 - a. _____ In the Gospel of John is synonymous with _____.
 - b. _____ begins at the moment of _____ Jesus.
 - c. To love one's life is to _____ Jesus for a _____, of self.
6. What are the 4 steps to a journey with Jesus?
 1. Daily, _____ your _____ around Jesus.
 2. Take one small _____, _____!
 3. Take it _____.
 4. When you _____, let God _____.
7. What script did Jesus flip?

To a culture that celebrates being _____, Jesus teaches that in _____, we experience _____ in its _____.
8. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

Personal Reflection

1. What do you believe God wants you to do this week as a result of this study?

Coming Next Week

Keep it to Yourself

Matthew 9:27-31

We all want our minute of fame, especially if it celebrates a significant accomplishment. For Jesus though, publicity did not always foster the healthiest response.

Looking Ahead

June 15 – Matthew Burkholder Speaking – Father’s Day

June 22 – Baptism Sunday

June 29 – Celebration Service/Congregational Meeting

Summer Samplers: Passages that Challenge and Inspire **From July 6 – August 24**

The series looks at passages that often prompt deep reflection and introspection. They broaden our theological horizons while at the same time fuel a deeper personal transformation and belief. They can also provide comfort and guidance and a more profound understanding of the character and nature of God.

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