

# King's Chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of October 30, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the obedient Son of God who for the joy set before him went to the cross to draw people from every time, every nation, and every language to himself for the glory of God the Father.

**This Week's Text:** John 12:20-36

“For to love one's life is a fundamental denial of God's sovereignty, of God's rights, and a brazen elevation of self to the apogee [highest point] of one's perception, and therefore an idolatrous focus on self, which is the heart of all sin. Such a person loses his life, i.e. causes his own perdition.”

**D.A. Carson**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- Who are the Greeks described in verse 20 that desired to see Jesus? What is significant about their presence in Jerusalem at Passover? By mentioning these Greek proselytes (and the Pharisees' fears in verse 19), what does John intend to remind us about the nature of God and his plan of redemption? Reference Genesis 12:2-3. How do you view and treat people who are different than you?
- What did Jesus mean by his statement in verse 23? Where have we heard Jesus use the term “my hour” before? Reference John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20. What parable does Jesus give to explain the manner of his glorification?
- In verses 25-26 Jesus uses a Semitic idiom to teach his hearers (including us) the relationship between belief and eternal life. Explain the difference between hating one's life and loving one's life. What are some ways that the world defines life/identity? How does our gospel identity free us from idolatry?
- Where in this passage do we get a glimpse into Jesus' humanity? Why was Jesus troubled, and what joy overshadowed his inner turmoil? What is the primary reason that Jesus came to earth, suffered, and died on the cross for the sins of the world? Why is this important to understand?

- Discuss the following three ways that we see God's glory in action according to verses 31-32:
  - The Judgement of the World
  - Ruler of the World Cast Out
  - The Drawing of All People to Jesus
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?