

PRIEST LAKE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Bible Study

John 12:20–50 (KJV)

LOGO

PURPOSE: To understand Jesus' final public teaching before the cross—His mission, the call to belief, the cost of following Him, and the consequences of rejecting the Light.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read John 12:20–50 (KJV). Then discuss and write brief responses in the fields provided.

SECTION 1 — The Greeks Seek Jesus (John 12:20–26)

John 12:20–21 (KJV)

“And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip... saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.”

John 12:24 (KJV)

“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

Fill in the blanks (type directly in the lines):

1) Unless a grain of wheat _____, it remains _____.

2) If it dies, it brings forth much _____.

3) He that loveth his _____ shall lose it.

Discussion (use the box for longer answers):

1) Why do you think the Greeks' request (“Sir, we would see Jesus”) matters at this point in John's Gospel?

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SECTION 1 (continued) — Following Christ (John 12:25–26)

2) What does Jesus mean by “losing” one’s life? What might that look like in everyday discipleship?

SECTION 2 — The Son’s Obedience & the Father’s Glory (John 12:27–36)

John 12:27 (KJV)

“Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.”

John 12:32 (KJV)

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”

Fill in the blanks:

4) “For this _____ came I unto this hour.”

5) “I have both _____ it, and will _____ it again.”

6) “Will draw _____ men unto me.”

3) Jesus says His soul is troubled, yet He submits to the Father’s purpose. How does this shape the way we handle suffering and obedience?

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SECTION 3 — Unbelief Despite Evidence (John 12:37–43)

John 12:37 (KJV)

“But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him.”

Fill in the blanks:

7) Some believed, but would not _____ him openly.

8) They loved the praise of _____ more than the praise of _____.

4) What pressures or fears keep people from openly confessing Christ today? How can a church family help one another overcome that fear?

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SECTION 4 — Jesus’ Final Public Appeal (John 12:44–50)

John 12:46 (KJV)

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”

John 12:48 (KJV)

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

Fill in the blanks:

9) Jesus came as a _____ into the world.

10) The word that He has spoken shall _____ in the last day.

11) The Father’s commandment is _____ life.

5) How should it shape our daily choices to know that Christ’s words will judge us in the last day—and that He came as Light into the world?

Closing Prayer (optional):