

THE DEATH HE WAS GOING TO DIE

May 25, 2025

Get a Grip & Get a Life // For Those He Loves // John 12:27-36

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others?
2. What's the most unusual thing you've ever done for your health or well-being?
3. What's one thing you're really looking forward to this summer (trip, event, goal, etc.)?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. From a fresh reading of John 12:27-36 [read it together], what stands out to you about Jesus' attitude toward His coming death?
5. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
6. Pastor Jeremy talked about how Jesus was honest about His anguish but still resolved "Father, glorify Your name." When you face hardship, how are your prayers similar or different? Has this sermon challenged how you think about praying in tough times?
7. What would it look like in your life right now to say, "Father, glorify Your name," even through unpleasant circumstances?
8. God's voice from heaven affirmed Jesus' mission, and Jesus said this was "for your sake." How is our mindset impacted when we remember that God is in control even when things seem out of our control?
9. Ask someone to read Romans 3:21-26. What does this passage teach us about how the cross demonstrates both God's justice and His grace? And how does being "justified freely by His grace" impact the way you approach God and others?
10. Jesus said He would "draw all people" to Himself when He was lifted up. What are some ways individuals might resist His drawing, and how can we help them let go of what's holding them back from Jesus?
11. Jesus said, "While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light." What are some ways you sense that God might be calling you or us to "walk while you have the Light" in our families, workplaces, or community?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

12. Is there any specific situation where you need God's help to choose His glory over your own comfort? Share (as you feel comfortable) so the group can pray for you.



Ask everyone in the group to spend a few silent moments reflecting and praying over this question: What would it mean for me to say this week, “Father, glorify Your name in the situations of my life?” Then pray over prayer requests you might have together.

Announcements

Reminders:

- **Church-Wide Picnic** – this coming Sunday, June 1 at Stokesdale Town Park after worship services are over. Burgers and hot dogs will be ready around 1 to 1:30pm.
- **Zoo Trip for Children & Families** to the NC Zoo in Asheboro – Saturday, June 7. Meet at church at 8am to carpool. The trip is designed for children through 5th grade and their families. Older siblings, grandparents, and children’s ministry volunteers are also welcome. For more info, contact the church office: info@nvf.life.

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Read this article from GotQuestions to understand more fully what Jesus meant when He said “if I am lifted up” in John 4:32:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/if-I-be-lifted-up.html>