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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

John 12

The Hour Has Come

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY VERSE · JOHN 12:24 · NASB

"Truly, 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."

Jesus' last public chapter in John. A costly gift at supper, a King on a donkey, Greeks who want to see Him, a troubled soul, a voice from heaven, and a crowd that will not believe.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 12 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 12. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
hour		
glory / glorify / glorified		
Light		
believe / believed / believes		
world		
judge / judgment		

JOHN 12:1–11 The Supper at Bethany

1 OBSERVE

What did Mary do, and what happened to the house (12:3)?

2 OBSERVE

What did Judas object, and what does John say was the real reason (12:5–6)?

3 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Sproul sets Mary beside Caiaphas: the council calculated, Mary worshiped, "a reckless manifestation of extravagant love and worship." Guzik: "Judas successfully hid the darkness of his heart from everyone except Jesus." Which heart is closer to yours?

4 INTERPRET

Does "you always have the poor with you" (12:8) excuse neglecting them? Read Deuteronomy 15:11.

JOHN 12:12–19 The Entry

5 OBSERVE

What did the crowd carry and shout, and what did Jesus ride (12:13–14)?

6 INTERPRET

Read Zechariah 9:9 and 14:4, 9. What kind of King came on the donkey, and what kind will come again?

JOHN 12:20–26 The Greeks and the Grain

7 OBSERVE

Who comes asking for Jesus, what do they say, and what is Jesus' answer (12:20–23)?

8 OBSERVE

What happens to a grain of wheat that does not die, and to one that dies (12:24)?

9 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Spurgeon: "Death precedes growth." Guzik, quoting Spurgeon: "We are not saved by service, but we are saved to service." How does 12:24 apply first to Jesus, and then to you (12:25–26)?

10 APPLY

What part of your life are you protecting that needs to fall into the ground?

JOHN 12:27–36 The Troubled Soul

11 OBSERVE

What does Jesus say about His soul, and what does He pray instead of "save Me" (12:27–28)? How does heaven answer?

12 INTERPRET

Guzik: "Jesus received this crucial hour, yet it troubled Him." Is being troubled a sin?

13 OBSERVE

What does Jesus say will happen when He is lifted up (12:31–32), and what did He mean (12:33)?

JOHN 12:37–43 John's Verdict on Unbelief

14 OBSERVE

Despite so many signs, how did the people respond (12:37)? Which prophet does John quote twice (12:38–40)?

15 INTERPRET

John says, "These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory" (12:41). Read Isaiah 6:1. Whom did Isaiah see on the throne?

16 OBSERVE

Why did some of the rulers who believed not confess Him (12:42–43)?

17 APPLY

Whose approval are you living for? Where has that kept you quiet about Jesus?

JOHN 12:44–50 The Last Public Cry

18 OBSERVE

What did Jesus come to do and not do (12:46–47)? What will judge the one who rejects Him (12:48)?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

19 WORD *kokkos* · G2848 · a single seed, a grain

Jesus says the seed "remains alone" unless it dies (12:24). What would Jesus have been left alone without, and what harvest came from His death?

20 WORD *tarassō* · G5015 · to stir up, to trouble

Jesus' soul was troubled (12:27). Two chapters later He says, "Do not let your heart be troubled" (14:1). How does His trouble make that command possible?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 12 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.