

Sermon Questions for Life Groups
“The Glorifying of God” – John 12:20-36

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Find occasions in John 1-11 when Jesus says his hour/time ‘has not yet come’ and discuss the reasons for his statement.
2. How would events leading up to this scene have prepared the Greeks for this meeting with Jesus?
3. From John 12:23-26, explain how this allegory of the kernel of wheat depicts what Jesus is about to do? What message might be applied to people here? Does this passage in any way answer the original request from the Greeks in vs. 21, and if so, how?
4. Why is "lifting up" (32) central to the Gospel?
5. What are some different meanings of John 12:32: “when I am lifted up from the earth”? How should this verse both confirm your faith and exhort you to action?
6. How does the cross bring completion to the ways in which God has previously glorified himself?
7. What does the cross tell us about God?
8. How does our gathering at the table continue Jesus’ glorification and that of the Father?

9. What does the song of praise in Phil. 2 teach us about what our life attitude should be?

10. Some commentators have suggested that there is a connection between the coming of non-Jews to Christ and His statement that "the hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified." How would you respond to this idea?

11. After reading John 12:27-29 and Philippians 2: 5-11, find the similarities as they relate to Jesus. In Philippians 2:5 Paul writes that "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus". What is that attitude and why is it so difficult to emulate? Can you share any examples from your life when you could live up to this directive and when you couldn't?