

## **Digging Deeper: John 12:20–36**

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### **Day 1**

Spend some time in prayer. Use a journal to write down your thoughts and feelings as you pray and study His word this week. Read John 12:20–36. What's one thing you really like about your life right now? Jesus calls himself the 'Son of Man'? Read Ezekiel 2 and Revelation 1. Also, check out Daniel 7 and 8. Why does he refer to himself this way?

### **Day 2**

We learn in Romans 8 that the Holy Spirit lives inside you and is one with your own spirit. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you dig deeper into His word this week and what God wants you to learn today from some extra study on Sunday's message. Read John 12:20–36. Have you ever planted a garden from seeds? How long was the seed under the soil before you saw a sprout? Why is Jesus talking about the grain of wheat (v.24)? What do verses 25 and 26 mean in your own words?

### **Day 3**

Find a quiet place to settle your mind, body, and spirit, and pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Read John 12:20–36. Is there an area of your life that God is calling you to die? If you obey, how do you think you would benefit? In verse 27, what is Jesus praying for? When is the last time you had a tough, challenging thing to do and prayed to God for courage and bravery to do the right thing? What example does Jesus set in verse 28?

### **Day 4**

Pray for how Jesus wants you to learn from His Word today. Read John 12:20–36. In verses 31 and 32, Jesus foretells his own death and resurrection, yet the Jews aren't listening well; they don't understand. Why were the people having a difficult time understanding Jesus's predictions? What does this tell you about how they imagined the Messiah would be? Check out Psalms 89:35–36, Psalms 110:4 and Isaiah 9:7.

### **Day 5**

Pray for others and how God would have you come alongside them with grace and love today. Read John 12:20–36. What does Jesus tell the Jews in verses 35? What does that mean for us today? How can we do better for ourselves and follow His encouragement here?

### **Day 6**

Pray, reflect, and discuss with Jesus and the Holy Spirit about the past days of the week and how you can apply your thoughts, feelings, and answers above to use in your life for His glory. One last time, read John 12:20–36. What does it mean to walk in the light versus in darkness? See verses 35 and 36. Check out Colossians 1:11–14. What kinds of actual activities do you think you should be doing to walk in the light, or more importantly, what behaviors you should stop doing?