



Sermon Guide Questions

"Light In A World of Darkness"

John 12:27-36

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1. What is Jesus' priority in vv 27 -28? What aspects of his humanity are displayed in these two verses?
2. How is the voice from heaven a benefit not for Jesus, but rather for the people (vv 28-30)?
3. In verse 31 Jesus is stating that "the prince of this world" will be driven out. What does this indicate about Jesus' power over spiritual darkness?
4. Discuss the meaning of Jesus' statement that he must be "lifted up from the earth" (v 32) – what is he communicating here? How do you think this action enables him to "draw all men to himself?"

For Reflection:

5. Where is the Lord calling you to "die in order to live?" What in your life is constraining you from flourishing in your faith? In a time of prayer, raise this consideration to God and ask for his guidance?

Practical Application:

6. Christians know that God made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. Revisit this truth, and imagine how you will go forth in the knowledge that God so loved you that he came to demonstrate it with Christ's life. In light of this, what action can you take regarding any obstacle before you?
7. If a young person asked you on the spot to explain this passage to him or her, what would you say in a couple of sentences or less?