

## WORKOUT

# JOHN 11:54-12:26

*Believe*  
and  
**LIVE**  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

### PONDER

#### Read all of John chapters 11 and 12, focusing on 11:54-12:26.

Consider how this passage reveals God's redemptive plan.

- Read Zechariah 9:9 and John 12:14-15. Why is it significant that Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy?
  - How are the crowd's reasons for being at the triumphal entry and the Pharisees' reactions to it similar to other instances we have seen in John?
- Read John 12:16 and John 2:22. What can we learn from the examples of the disciples who did not understand in the moment, but later remembered what Jesus had done and believed in Him?
- Read through the instances in John where it says of Jesus, "His hour had not yet come" (2:4; 7:6-8; 7:30; 8:20) and consider the weight of Jesus's proclamation in 12:23: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

Jesus says, "If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him" (12:26).

- What does it mean to serve Jesus?
- What is the relationship between serving and sacrifice (12:1-8)? Between serving and glorifying Jesus (12:12-19)? What is the relationship between serving and following? Why is this declaration particularly important within the context that "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (12:23)?

### PRAY

#### Pray Holistically

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (12:23).

- Pray to give glory to God. Read and pray passages like Romans 11:33-36 and 1 Timothy 1:17.
- Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:9-10 CSB).

#### Pray Personally

Read and pray John 12:25-26 in confession of the things that you love and treasure in this world.

- Father, while I know that you give every good gift in this life, I also know that whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Help my loves to be rightly ordered. Turn my heart to love and treasure nothing more than you, and to love the things of this world because they point me back to you, my King. Convict me of the times I am tempted to idolize your gifts, seeking creation over you as the Creator.

### PRACTICE

Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die.

Consider this truth's implications for how we navigate joy, abundance, influence, and good gifts from the Father. Purpose to set your hope on our spiritual life in Christ beyond any earthly circumstances.

- **Read and memorize John 12:25-26.** What does it mean to hate your life in this world? Listen to [this podcast excerpt](#) from Desiring God.
- **This week, practice thanksgiving for all that God has given.** Make a list in your journal and see how many things you can think of every day to be thankful for. As you write, pray in thanksgiving. Everything you have has been given to you from the Lord (John 3:27).
- **Purpose to value eternal life over life in this world.** Set aside time to think deeply about how even the good things that God gives us are not our treasure. This world is passing away (2 Peter 3:10); moths and rust destroy the things of this world (Matthew 6:19). As you consider the good gifts God has given you, aim your heart to love the Giver more than any gifts. More than all that God has given you in this world, He has given His Son to save the world so that in Him you may have eternal life (John 3:17).
- **Purpose to die to yourself.** Do you live to accumulate comforts in this world? Or to lose your life in this world and sacrifice for the sake of serving Christ and His kingdom? Consider Mary in 12:1-8, the Pharisees who seek to gain influence in 12:19, Jesus's teaching in 12:24-26, and ultimately Jesus's sacrifice that the triumphal entry anticipates in 12:13-16.