

# WORKOUT

# JOHN 12:27-50

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

## PONDER

### Read all of John chapters 11 and 12, focusing on 12:27-50.

Consider the significance of glory in this passage. Jesus's purpose is the glory of the Father, and His glory will be accomplished and seen (12:27-30).

- Read Psalm 19:1-6, Habakkuk 2:14, and Hebrews 1:1-3 and meditate on the weight of the Lord's glory.
- Read Exodus 33:17-23, Isaiah 6:5-6, Ezekiel 1:28, and Revelation 1:7. What common theme do you notice about men's responses to seeing the glory of the Lord?
- In contrast, consider the authorities in John 12:42 who believed but did not confess faith in Christ, because they loved the glory from man more than the glory from God. Also, remember John 5:41-44.
- Remember John 1:14– the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. What should our response to the glory of the Lord be?

Read John 12:36-43 and consider the danger of continual unbelief, despite all of Jesus's revelation.

- Read the passages that John quotes from Isaiah 52:13–53:6 and 6:8-10.
- Consider the perfect sovereignty of God in His judgment: man's unbelief is used to fulfill His Word and purposes (12:38).
- Consider the danger of man's continual unbelief: as they refuse to come and believe and harden their hearts, so also the Lord hardens their hearts (12:40).
- Consider the plea of Hebrews: "today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 3:7-14).

## PRAY

### Pray Holistically

Read and pray John 12:28.

- Father, you are ultimately glorious. The heavens declare your glory (Psalm 19:1). One day, the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory (Habakkuk 2:14). May all that I do be for your glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). Father, glorify your name!

### Pray Personally

Read and pray John 12:36-43.

- Pray in confession of the areas of your life where you are tempted to love the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God (12:43).
- Pray that your heart would continually be softened and receptive to the gospel and its call to repentance.
- Pray for the unbelief of those around you. Pray for specific people in your life who do not know the Lord. Pray that they would not harden their hearts.

## PRACTICE

Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. Purpose to set your hope on our spiritual life in Christ beyond every earthly circumstance.

- **Read John 12:35-36 and purpose to walk in the light.** Remember John 8:12: Jesus is the light of the world, and whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness. This week, be on guard. When you are tempted, flee the darkness and walk as a child of light (Ephesians 5:8).
- **Read John 12:37 and do not harden your heart.** This week, be on guard. When you are convicted of sin, when you are presented with an opportunity to be faithful, when a brother or sister speaks God's Word to you– respond in humility and do not run from the exposing light of truth (Hebrews 3:7-15; 4:12-13).
- **Read John 12:42-43 and reject the glory that comes from man.** This week, be on guard. Where are you tempted to compromise? Where are you tempted to remain silent? Where are you tempted to act out of fear of man?
- **Reject the glory that comes from man and confess your belief in Jesus.** This week, be on guard. Look for opportunities every day to proclaim the truth of John 12:44-47: Jesus came to save the world. Our life is in Him, and He is our hope (12:50).