

**JESUS BEFORE THE PEOPLE**  
**(November 19, 2017)**  
**Submitting to the Father's Will**  
**(John 12:20-26)**  
**Small Group Study Notes**

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Getting to know you: Who will you be spending Thanksgiving with and what are your plans?

Open:

- What are some of the challenges of celebrating a holiday or festival?
- What big event is about to take place prior to this passage?
- What were the two responses to Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem?

**1) Searching – (John 12:20-22)**

- Who are these Greeks?
- What are they doing in Jerusalem?
- Why do they go to Philip?
- What is their request?
- What does Philip do? Why Andrew?
- What insights or practical lesson do you make of this?

**2) Serving – (John 12:23-20)**

- What "hour" had finally come?
- What is the lesson of the seed?
- What does it mean to "die to self?"
- What is the secret of living a satisfied, meaningful life?
- What does it look like to "submit to God?"
- Why was Jesus deeply troubled?
- What is the last thing that "deeply troubled" you?
- How should we approach the difficult things of life? What should be our goal?
- Why did God the Father speak audibly from Heaven? How does He speak to us today?

**3) Salvation – (John 12:30-36)**

- In what ways (over time) has Satan opposed the plan of God?
- How did Jesus describe His death?
- What do we mean, "the cross is the great divide?"
- On which side of the cross do you find yourself today?

**CLOSE:**

**Searching –**

- Tell us how you came to understand who Jesus is and why He came?
- Tell of a time how you helped someone searching come to Christ?

**Serving –**

- What gives you the most trouble when it comes to dying to self?
- How do you go about submitting or surrendering your life to Christ?

**Salvation –**

- Why is being good enough, not enough?
- Why was the cross necessary?
  
- Any questions you have about this lesson?
- What one truth will you try to live out this week?