

## Small Group Questions | Don't Stop Believing | John 12:20-50



John 12 serves as a connection between the first 11 chapters and the last 9 chapters of the gospel. Chapters 1-11 of John focus on the miracles of Jesus. Then in John 12, the focus shifts to worship and believing. Jesus is teaching in Jerusalem during the busiest time of the year. Numerous people have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. While in Jerusalem Jesus teaches about believing in God. In today's passage, we're going to see increased curiosity in Jesus. He gives the crowd an encouragement to believe while they still have the light; yet there are those who still struggle to believe. This passage reminds us that our beliefs drive our actions.

1. We hear stories of life change all the time. You can read the news, watch TV, or hear stories of people who have given their life to Jesus. What is most exciting to you when people who are far from God become close to God?
2. John teaches us that some Greeks were in Jerusalem for Passover and came to speak with Jesus. **Read John 12:20-23.** This passage is a reminder that the Gospel is for everyone. Share about someone in your life you want to see believe in Jesus.
3. **Read John 12:24-26.** Jesus tells us that His hour has come and proceeds to teach about giving up our life for the sake of the Gospel. **See Matthew 16:24, Luke 9:23 and Mark 10:21.** What part of your life do you struggle most to surrender to Jesus?
4. Jesus knew the cross awaited Him and boldly continued in that direction. **Read John 12:27-33.** As a group, talk about what Bible verses you would use to share the Gospel message with someone who is interested in Jesus. What does a person need to know to place their trust in Jesus?
5. **Read John 12:34-36.** Jesus taught the crowd that He is the light of the world (John 8:12) and came to bring light to the world. Where are the dark places of our city, county, state, and world that desperately need the light of Jesus? What is the role of a believer to bring light to those places?
6. Isaiah foretold that some people would not believe in Jesus. **Read John 12:37-43.** What do you think hinders those who've heard the truth of Jesus, seen His power at work, and tasted His goodness from believing in Him?
7. Several times Jesus taught that believing in Him was the same as believing in God. **Read John 12:44-50.** How does our belief in Jesus translate to believing in God?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for opportunities to lead others to Jesus.