



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LENT - WEEK 5

“THE WISH”

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<p><u>CONNECTION:</u></p> <p>Men’s Prayer Gathering Each Thursday morning at 7 AM group of men gathers at the All Saints building site (6201 Terravista Dr.) to pray for the building construction and the ministry which will flow from it. Contact Marc marcknight11@gmail.com.</p> <p>Brooklyn Mission Trip Thursday March 26th is the deadline to sign up to participate in the mission trip to Brooklyn on April 23-26th to help Resurrection Church serve in the Clinton Hill neighborhood. Cost is \$750. Contact jeby@allsaintsaustin.org.</p> <p>Hill House - Steven Garber This Friday at 6 PM Hill House will host a dinner and lecture with Steven Garber, the Principal of the Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation & Culture.</p> <p>Good Friday Service Friday April 3rd at 6 PM at St. Gabriel’s (2500 Wimberley Ln.). Childcare provided for ages 3 and under.</p> <p><u>REQUESTS:</u></p> <p>Seeing and Showing Jesus Are you struggling more with longing to see Jesus or with the willingness to show Jesus right now? How can we pray for you in this regard?</p>	<p>INTRO <i>(Question:)</i> What does it mean to wish for something (i.e., the nature of the act of wishing)? When you think about the common cultural “wishes” today, what are they for (i.e., the object of the wish)?</p> <p><i>(Transition:)</i> Often a wish means nothing more than a faint desire for something unlikely to come true, and usually it is focused on a mere change in circumstances. The hope seems hollow and the thing hoped in is not truly satisfying.</p> <p>We are continuing in the season of Lent, which is a time focused on repentance—on the desire to be changed and the practices which help us turn from sin and toward God. To that end our series is titled, “How God Deals with Sin,” with the hope that his pattern would shape our lives. As we read our text be thinking about this question: “What does it mean to wish to see Jesus?”</p> <p>READ the text aloud.</p> <p>DISCUSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we know about this stage of Jesus’ life and ministry? Where is he? What is happening/about to happen? • Why are people flocking to him? What is their motivation? What did the Pharisees mean by saying that they were “gaining nothing” (v. 19)? What were they “wishing” for? • What does Jesus mean when he says, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (v. 23)? What unique is happening to precipitate this statement? • What does it mean for Jesus, the Son of Man, to be glorified? How was he to be glorified? (<i>Look at vv. 32-33—glorified by death.</i>) • Look at vv. 30-31. Did those things happen? Has the “ruler of this world” been cast out? (<i>See Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 20:7-10.</i>) How does the certainty of this future reality shape our lives today? • Look back at the request made by the Greeks (i.e., Gentiles) to Philip (v. 20-21). Does Jesus grant their wish? Whom is Jesus answering in v. 23? (<i>We should assume that the group to whom he is most likely speaking is the group referred to in the nearest context—i.e., Andrew and Philip. If that is the case Jesus doesn’t answer the Greeks directly.</i>) How does Jesus grant the wish of the Greeks? • What did Jesus “wish” for? (<i>Look especially at vv. 27, 32. On one level he wishes to be kept from the hour of death. But on another level he knows this is the purpose for which he came, because he wishes to save for himself a people.</i>) • In this period between Christ’s victory on the cross and his future return to bring to bear all the implications of his victory, what does it look like for us to “wish to see Jesus”? Where is he to be found? How is he glorified in/through our lives? What will it cost us? (<i>See vv. 24-26.</i>) How should this shape our “wishes”? <p>CONCLUDE Jesus came so that he might die. His wish was to glorify God by rescuing sinners and renewing creation. Once the nations, here represented by the Greeks, began to seek him, it was time to go to the cross so that he might be lifted up. His victory over sin, Satan, and death has already begun and will certainly be completed at his return. Between that time and now our role is to seek that his name would be lifted up and his good, gracious rule on earth would be manifest through us. This should shape our “wishes” in the everyday. And our transformed lives should give those around us a taste of the future so that they might begin to wish for Christ’s kingdom as well.</p>

JOHN 12:12, 17-33

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

[12] The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem...[17] The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. [18] The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [19] So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

[20] Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. [21] So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." [22] Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23] And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24] Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25] Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] 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.

[27] "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. [28] Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." [29] The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." [30] Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. [31] Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. [32] And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." [33] He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.