

Connections
John 7:25-53

Review:

1. Because Jesus came from God and is God, He is the only way we can know God and His will
2. Because Jesus speaks the Word of God to us, we must pay attention to all of it, not just the parts that we like or that fit our lifestyle.
3. The only way we can understand the Scriptures is to come to Jesus, trusting Him to satisfy our thirst for truth, and then sharing that truth with others.

Reflect:

1. What parts of the Bible do you have a hard time believing or putting into practice? How does Jesus' identity help you see the importance of following all of God's Word?

Go Further: Read John 12:20-36, 44-50

1. In verse 20, who does John mention was among those attending the feast?
2. According to verse 21, what did these men ask Philip?
3. According to verse 23, what did Jesus say was finally going to happen?
4. According to verse 24, what happens to a grain of wheat only if it falls into the earth and dies?
5. What does Jesus say happens to someone who loves his life?
6. What happens to someone who hates his life in this world?
7. What does Jesus say that those who serve Him should do? What will happen to them as a result?
8. According to verse 27, what does Jesus say He will not pray? Why not?
9. What prayer does Jesus make in verse 28? How did a voice from heaven answer this prayer?
10. According to verse 29, in what two ways did the bystanders experience the voice from heaven?
11. According to verse 30, for what reason did Jesus say the voice spoke from heaven?
12. In verse 31, what did Jesus say was going to happen to the world and its ruler?
13. What did Jesus say would happen if He were to be lifted up from the earth?
14. In verse 35, what did Jesus urge His listeners to do? Why?
15. In verse 36, why did Jesus say His listeners should believe in the light?
16. In verse 44, what did Jesus equate with believing in Him?
17. In verse 45, what does Jesus equate with beholding, or gazing upon Him?
18. According to verse 46, why did Jesus come as light into the world?
19. According to verse 47, what did Jesus say He did not come to do? What did He come to do?
20. What does Jesus say will happen to someone who rejects Him?
21. On what basis will unbelievers be judged on the last day?
22. According to verse 49, what is the source of Jesus' teachings?
23. In verse 50, how does Jesus describe the commandments of God? How does Jesus describe His own words?

Summary and Application:

1. Think about what Jesus says about a grain of wheat in verse 24. What point do you think He was making about His own ministry? In what way can you apply this principle to your own life?

2. Jesus says that seeing Him and seeing the Father are the same thing (v. 45). What light does this passage therefore shed on God? What does Jesus reveal about God to us?
3. Looking at both John 7 and 12, is believing in and following the teachings of Jesus optional? Why or why not?