

Discussion Guide

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up^u from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

³⁴ The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

³⁵ Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going."

Read the passage above and reflect on it. Is this passage really relevant to our lives?

1. All of us look to people or things for our significance, self-worth, importance. What are those for you?
2. Is it wrong to look to these things for our sense of self-worth? What's the danger in looking to these things for our ultimate sense of self-worth?
3. Share a time when you looked to someone or thing for your self-worth and it led to a personal crisis in your life.
4. Have you experienced God's glory? What did it feel like? How do you know you did?
5. Have you ever experienced God's glory physically through some other-worldly experience?
6. Share times when the glory of the cross hit home for you. How did it affect your life?
7. Pastor Richard shared how the cross redefines everything for the Christian. It redefines giving, parenting, relations between the sexes, marriage, the workplace. Pick another area of life and redefine it from the perspective of the cross.
8. Share a time when, like the woman who looked to men for personal worth, you look to something/one for your personal worth and it led to a personal crisis in your life.
9. What do people cling to for their life and what's the danger in each of those things?
10. Final thoughts and questions.