

<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration <sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. <sup>26</sup> Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came!

<sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name.”

Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.”

<sup>29</sup> When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus told them, “The voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

<sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd responded, “We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. How can you say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.”

# The Most Important Decision: Spiritual Agriculture, Part 1

## 1. DISCIPLESHIP IS FOLLOWING JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_.

"If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it." Matthew 10:38–39

Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage. Philippians 3:8

"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy." Matthew 6:9

## 2. YOUR STORY IS WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD TO USE.

Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. John 1:44

## 3. DISCIPLES ARE DOOR HOLDERS, NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about!" John 1:44–44

"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. John 21:16

## 4. JESUS WILL DRAW \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIMSELF.

"The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life." John 3:14–15

## 5. EVEN JESUS NEEDED TO ACT \_\_\_\_\_.

"My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you." John 12:35

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- 1) Forgive - Let Go / Reconcile
  - 2) Repeat offense - still need mercy
  - 3) No apology - still doing harm?
- Lesson - extreme, life & death, spectrum

Never see God - but all agree: circumstances + judging  
God sees both sides clearly, fairly - Don't get in his way  
If ppl hurt you, subject to judgment - don't entice them!

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