



FLATIRONS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

John 12
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// Bible References: Eph 6:10-13, John 11:47-50; 12:4-11,25-26, 31-32, 42-43; Matt 6:24

// Community Question: What's one small change or habit that made a bigger difference in your life than you expected?

// Discussion Questions

1. The sermon discusses how many believers in Jesus' time wouldn't publicly follow Him because 'they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God' (John 12:43). How does this challenge apply to Christians today? What are some specific areas where you might be choosing human approval over God's approval in your life?
2. How does Ephesians 6:12 ('For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness') help us understand the true nature of the battles we face as Christians? How might viewing your personal struggles through this spiritual warfare lens change how you approach them?
3. Jim described government, money, and religion as powerful systems that can be used for good but are often distorted by sin and self-interest. Where do you notice these influences shaping your priorities, fears, or decisions in everyday life...whether through security, status, comfort, control, or performance? How can you remain grounded in Jesus' kingdom values so that these forces shape you less than Christ does?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read John 12:25, where Jesus says, "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." What do you think Jesus means by holding tightly to this life versus loosening your grip on it? Are there areas of your life (priorities, comforts, ambitions, or control) where Jesus may be inviting you to trust Him more and live with an eternal perspective?

// Challenge: After hearing this week's sermon, where do you sense God nudging you to respond, change direction, or take a step of obedience?