



# Sermon Growth Guide

**February 28, 2021**

**To Give His Life - For This Reason**

**John 12:26-36**

**Key Verse:** John 12:32

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

**Big Idea:** We are drawn to Christ, asked only to release our life into the hands of God by faith.

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## Foundations

Why did Jesus come? To give His life away so that we might receive the eternal gift of entering into the family of God through the righteousness of Christ.

Through the cross, we are drawn into right relationship with God, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself,” (Jesus, John 12:32).

Pastor Tim writes that Jesus came to “rescue, to purchase, to snatch you up in His grip of grace. It’s not on you to find your way to Him. It’s on you to release your life into His hands, to believe, and to be humbly, gratefully, saved.”

This week we are taking time to thank God for the open door He has made for all who will enter in through faith in Christ. We’re also taking time to help one another grow our faith, faith that gives us the courage to release ourselves fully into the arms of God.

Gathered together with your circle, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ. Pray to be given the courage to walk with Christ joyfully in every circumstance.

## Understanding God’s Word

Spend several minutes helping each other understand the context of John 12:26-36. Where is Jesus? What is “the hour”? What is the overall tone of this passage?

What are the benefits to Jesus being “lifted up” given in verses 30-32?

## Applying God’s Word

What does it look like for you to freely and fully release your life into the arms of Christ? How can our Life Groups become even deeper places of catalyst where faith and gratitude are cultivated in our hearts?

## Witnessing God’s Word

Tim continues, “The third thing that happens on the cross is that the universal call of the Gospel is published, and the covenant of God opens up for any and all who will come in through faith in Jesus Christ.” Together, spend time thanking God for this open door to heaven through Christ. Pray deeply for saving faith to grow in the hearts of those around you who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior. Identify one action step you can take this week to continue to extend God’s love to a yet-believing neighbor near you.