

POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Community Group Study Guide for “The Trouble of Being Overwhelmed”
The 4th Sermon in the series “The Time of Trouble”

Rev. Dorst’s May 13th Sermon

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

- 1) What are you most looking forward to this summer?
- 2) What are some times that you’ve felt the most overwhelmed in life? How stressed or overwhelmed are you right now?
- 3) In verse 23, Jesus says that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. How does this work with verses 27-28 about the Father being glorified?
- 4) V. 25 - Do you “love your life” so much that you’ll lose it? What does it mean that “whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life”? Could these ideas be misapplied?
- 5) Some people say we should just do our duty for duty’s sake with no thought to rewards; but are there incentives/rewards in vv. 25-26 that would motivate us?
- 6) Does Jesus ever say “Father, save me from this hour” elsewhere in the Gospels than here in verse 27? (Hint: Matthew 26:39 or Luke 22:42)
- 7) The Father spoke audibly from heaven to or about Jesus two other times - Mark 1:11 and Matthew 17:5. How is this time different (verse 28)?
- 8) Talk about verse 31 - what does Jesus mean about the world being judged and the ruler of this world being cast out?
- 9) Do you trust what God is doing in your life? Does that give you perspective to make it through the difficult, overwhelming times? Close in prayer praying for each other’s difficulties.