

**Sermon Notes**  
**“Offered More Than We Ask”** (Jn 12:20-26)  
**Sept 13, 2020**

**Jesus surpasses expectation, inviting all to be with Him where He is.**

➤ **People’s desire to “see” Jesus (12:20-22)**

Ex 3:3; 33:20	Lk 19:1-10
Lk 2:15	Mk 5:14
Lk 7:24-28	Jn 20:24-31
➔ 2 Cor 5:7	

➤ **Our need for the “glorified” Jesus (12:23)**

➤ **Jesus’ invitation to be with Him (12:26)**

➤ **God’s presence is now made tangible through the church**

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“Come to church”                      “See Jesus”                      “Be where I am”

**Go where Jesus is going**

**Be a way to Jesus, not a barrier**

**Small Group Discussion:**

- Think of 2-3 people you are in regular contact with? In what ways do you think they are looking for something ‘more’? In what way is this really a search for what Jesus has to offer?  
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- We believe Jesus was crucified, dead, buried, rose from the grave and now exalted. Using practical, everyday examples, in what way does this ‘glorified’ Jesus change our circumstances?  
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- Most often we ask Jesus to be ‘where we are’, rather than join where he is. How do we begin shifting this mindset? What challenges will we face “going where he is going?”  
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- Using various scenarios discuss how God’s presence can be discerned and what difference it would make? Wrestle with what God’s presence in our life actually means.  
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- The church being God’s presence in the world is “being Jesus in the flesh.” Brainstorm how BBC can put this into action beyond merely having services. Dream big! Dream bold!  
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- **Prayer:** Family – Pray for: Marriages, children (school, friends, insecurities), non-believing spouses, and extended family. Parents (in different life-phases, health challenges)  
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