

The Mission

01/18/2026 | Pastor Reggie Roberson

WARM UP QUESTION: Have you ever performed a rescue, perhaps helping a turtle cross a road or found a little lizard in your house and carried it outside? Have you ever helped a stranger put groceries in their car?

READ: John 12:27-33

FOCUS: Christ's sacrifice on the cross stands at the center of God's mission and defines the life He calls us to live.

OBSERVE:

- John's gospel presents miraculous signs, each pointing to God. The final sign is Jesus' death on the cross. What looks like defeat shows God's glory and saving power.
- Jesus fully understands the punishment sin deserves, and chooses to take that punishment in our place. He says, "it was for this very reason I came to this hour."
- After that he says, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jesus' mission to draw all people to himself includes drawing us!
- To follow Jesus is to embrace a life shaped by the cross—a cross-shaped life. This kind of life is central to God's purpose for us because it honors Him and draws others to Him.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Over your life, how have you sensed Jesus' drawing you to himself?
- How have you responded to his call? Is your life cross-shaped?

TAKE ACTION:

- King's Park is sending out church planters. How will your group participate with them?
- Discuss ways your group can join Jesus' mission to draw all people to himself. Are there any specific people or groups that come to mind?

PRAY: Lord Jesus, help us to internalize the sacrifice you made for us. Stir our hearts to become part of your mission to draw all people to yourself. Holy Spirit, imprint God's Word on our hearts so we have something to say and present us with opportunities to share in the mission of helping people to know the salvation of God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!