



JOHN CHAPTER 12 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Who in your life is an example of a bold risk taker? Who in your life is an example of an extravagant giver? What lessons have you learned from each of these individuals?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 12:1-50)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 12:1-8

- Why is John's referencing of the timing (six days before the Passover) of Jesus attending a dinner significant? What lessons can we learn from Jesus' example?

- Jesus is about to enter the last week of His life on earth and He knew this. His heart, soul, mind, life, and ministry continued to be about the Father and not Himself. He didn't mope around the last week of His earthly life. He was still on mission for His Father's kingdom and for all of humanity. For us today, we can learn how to continue to push and persevere, even in the midst of difficulty, anguish, and pain. How do we continue to surrender ourselves to the Father, even when what's on the horizon is extremely gut wrenching?
- What is significant about Mary and what she does for Jesus in this passage?
 - Her gift is audacious and reflects what she knows and realizes about Jesus but also about herself. Guests of honor would usually be sprinkled with a dab of oil but not something so lavish and in such abundant ways.
 - How she administers her gift is risky. Jewish women rarely let down their hair in public and certainly not to come in contact with a man's feet. She is the embodiment of true and beautiful humility in these moments.
 - How are you like Mary in how you daily seek to live for Jesus? How are you like Judas in his response to Mary and her actions?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

John 12:9-19

- Notice that the results of God's transformative work in raising Lazarus from the dead put Lazarus at risk of death also because he was a walking testimony regarding the incredible power of God.

- In what ways can you see the testimony that God has given you stirring others because they see the power of God at work in you?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- The Triumphal Entry is interesting in many ways, but one significant way is that less than one week after the Triumphal Entry, some of the same people that were excitedly welcoming praising and lauding Jesus as King were going to be the same people that are calling for His crucifixion. How do you explain this? How are these people like you and me today and our own faith journeys?
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John 12:20-26

- In verse 23, when Jesus says that His hour has come, the meaning behind the original language is that there was no going back for Jesus and no going back on His commitment. What lessons can and should the example of Jesus teach us about our own commitments to Him?
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- What does Jesus mean when He says that we are to “hate our lives in this world?”
 - Jesus isn’t talking about us disregarding our lives. Rather, He is pointing to His example of being willing to freely surrender and submit His life to the will of His Father. While we are not called to die on a cross for the sins of the world, we are called as Jesus followers to hate our lives in this world, meaning that we are

willingly and freely surrendering every part of who we are to God.

- What is difficult for you about doing this? What are you willing to do about this?
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John 12:27-50

□ In verses 27-28, consider the following questions.

- What is amazing to you about the resolve of Jesus? Do you believe that God calls you to have the same type of resolve in how you daily live?
- What is amazing about the relationship with Jesus and God have? Do you believe that God desires to have a “father/son” “father/daughter” relationship with you? Why or why not?

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□ In this section of text, the reader can see how Jesus continues to passionately and aggressively pursue the glory of His Father rather than any other glory. The words that John speaks in John 12:43 are sobering and powerful.

- In what ways do you thirst and pine for the attention, approval, and glory of others over and above the attention, approval, and glory of Jesus? Why? How can you move to different and healthier places in your relationship with God?

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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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