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session 2

UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

as you go

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

.01 Which part of a story do you like better, the beginning or the end? Why?

.02 What kind of qualities do you most admire in leaders? Why is that?

family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

summary: JOHN 12:20-33

In today's passage, Jesus taught a crowd about the upside-down kingdom that He was ushering in. The Jews thought they understood God, but Jesus flipped the script. He hadn't come to save them from Roman rule; He had come to die by Roman crucifixion. He hadn't come to be served, but to serve. He illustrated this with the metaphor of a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying, by which it is able to produce much more grain. Jesus's upside-down kingdom might be counterintuitive to us, but it is truly the way to life.

discussion QUESTIONS

.01 How is Jesus's kingdom "upside-down" from what you might expect a kingdom to look like? How is this good news?

.02 What does it look like for us to live out our lives in Jesus's upside-down kingdom today? How can you point to this truth with the way you live your life this week?

PRAY: Praise God that His kingdom is different than any other kingdom the world has seen or will ever see. Prayerfully look for His "upside-down" way of doing things at work in the world as you go through your week.

memorize: JOHN 12:32CENTRAL
truth

Jesus established an upside-down kingdom, in which death makes way to life.

LEADER
challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in their *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

DAY 1 JOHN 12:20-26

DAY 2 JOHN 12:27-33

DAY 3 JOHN 12:34-36

DAY 4 JOHN 12:37-43

DAY 5 JOHN 12:44-50

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