

HIDDEN THREAD | WEEK 5

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Verses: John 12



SERIES INSIGHT

When we want to find Jesus and know more about him, we often go to the New Testament as our source. Though a good option, this isn't the *only* place where Jesus can be found! He was there in the beginning and throughout the old covenant. **Hidden Thread** will uncover the "hidden" thread you maybe didn't see before of Jesus throughout the Old Testament.

ICEBREAKER

- If you could only use one emoji for the rest of your life what would it be?
- Who are you inviting to Easter this weekend at Grace?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Who is an effective spiritual leader you look up to or who has had an impact on you? What qualities have made them an effective leader? What has made them an effective *spiritual* leader?
3. Read Matthew 7:15-20. What kind of wisdom do we glean from this passage? How might this wisdom be helpful in determining "a king" (effective leaders)?
4. God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7). What is getting more of your attention lately: your outward appearance or your heart? A better question might be: How's your heart? And for whom are you living for?
5. Our choices have rewards and consequences. Share about a time you were faced with a difficult choice. What kind of reward or consequence did you have to face?
6. Have you experienced a consequence for your sin, but experienced grace over mercy in the process?

Definitions: *Mercy means you don't get what you deserve (punishment). Grace means you get what you don't deserve, (the power to change).*

7. The only way to receive mercy and experience grace is to admit you are wrong (called confession) and agree that you want to change (called repentance). Is there anything you're wrestling with right now that you want to confess and repent of so you can experience God's grace? Pray with each other.

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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