

Small Group Guide: The Call to Die and Live

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker

Icebreaker Question: What's one expectation you had about the Christian life when you first became a believer (or heard about Christianity) that turned out to be different from reality?

Sermon Overview

This week we explored John 12, where Jesus enters Jerusalem during Passover week. The crowds celebrated Him with palm branches, expecting a political savior who would make their lives better. Instead, Jesus revealed that true salvation requires His death—and ours. Following Jesus means dying to ourselves daily so we can truly live.

Key Takeaways

1. **No amount of evidence will convince a heart that refuses to believe** - The religious leaders wanted to kill both Jesus and Lazarus despite overwhelming proof of Jesus' divine power.
2. **We can worship Jesus for the wrong reasons** - The crowd praised Jesus expecting political liberation, not salvation from sin.
3. **Jesus died so we could die to ourselves** - Like a seed that must die