



Discipleship Guide  
To Love Life is to Lose It  
John 12

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

**Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

**John 12:12-28**

Hosanna means “save us now!”. How does a crowd shouting this while waving palm branches help us to understand the way Passover and Hanukkah are at work here?

- Jesus get the donkey (a symbol of a king coming in peace) in response to the crowds shouts for a king to save them. What does this tell us about Jesus and how God rules?
- Read Zechariah 9:9-10. What does the long-awaited king who rides into town on a donkey do when they lead the nation?

John often uses the word “glory” to describe Jesus’ willing embrace of death on the cross.

- Jesus then tells the parable of the wheat falling to the ground. What is Jesus freeing you from through his death and resurrection?
- How can you practice sacrificial love? How can you willingly embrace the cross in your life so that someone else might see Jesus?

Jesus says that to have life everlasting we have to learn to hate our life, that is, give our life away for the sake of others and God’s kingdom.

- How can you plant trees whose shade you will not get to enjoy with your time, money, energy, relationships and love?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Name one way that you can love someone sacrificially this week.

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?