

SAVE ME

JOHN 12:12-50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

mValues Covenant Member Class - September 6th - 7:00-8:30pm refineUS Marriage Conference @ Mosaic! - November 3&4 - mosaicIL.com/conference

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What stirred gratitude to God in your life this past week? How was your prayer life this week? What steps could you take to grow in this area?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- READ John 12:12-13 & Matthew 21:8-11 -
- 1. What is going on in these verses and how can you relate? (Many of the people in the crowd are praising and celebrating Jesus on Sunday only to betray him later in the same week. We can act similarly in the way we praise Jesus during a church service and live differently throughout the week. We need the cross that brings eternal glory rather than temporary glory.)
- READ John 12:14-26 -
- 2. In John 12:16, we see the disciples "did not understand" what Jesus was doing, but that they would understand later. What questions did you have when you first believed and how has God answered those questions? What questions do you have right now? (We see over and over again that the disciples were confused and doubted. We also see the disciples come to understand the answers to their questions and doubts based on God's timing of revelation. Trust and faith go a long way during times of doubt and confusion.)
- **3.** How are you following Jesus and learning from Him right now? (Answers may vary, but the point is that the only hope we have for our questions is to follow Him. When we seek Jesus on a daily basis our questions are answered as we grow in the knowledge of who God is. Other times we might stop asking those questions because they seem unimportant as we get more of Him!)
- 4. What is Jesus saying through his analogy of a grain of wheat? What do you need to let go of, or die to, in order to "bear much fruit"? (God will be glorified through Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus is referencing a parable the Greeks would understand to share the gospel. Jesus is talking about Himself and what He has to do. He is talking about us and how we must die to ourselves and be born again into a new life with Him. Finally, Jesus is speaking about His church and how the traditional preferences will need to die so that the gospel of Jesus Christ can get to all people!)
- READ John 12:27-50 -
- 5. Consider how the truth of God's Word can open some people's eyes, while blinding others. How can the same truth lead to two different responses? (Above all things, God saves by faith and faith is a gift from Him. God wants children of faith and not just understanders of doctrine. We can err by looking around to all of the "doctrines" of the world and picking whichever one makes the most sense to us or will make us the happiest.)
- **6.** How are you seeking life in Jesus and living for him? Where are you seeking life in this world? (Answers may vary Ultimately anytime we seek the approval of man over the approval of God, then we are seeking life in darkness.)

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August 28th, 2023 - mosaicil.com/sermons

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"Sunday Plus" One Pager:

God doesn't call us to _____;
He calls us to the _____!

Hosanna = "Lord, _____us!"

Psalm 118:25-26
Matthew 21:8-11

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____!
Where the spirit of religion is, there is _____.

There's a difference between being _____
and being _____.

Book Recommendation:
"Don't Waste Your Life" - John Piper

Prophecies from John 12: Isaiah 53 & Isaiah 6

God is looking for those who don't just believe ____ Him; He wants you to believe ____ Him!