

“From Death to Life”

John 12:23-26

A. On the Earth, Death Torments Our Soul

- 1. We battle against death in the **plant** kingdom*
- 2. We battle against death in the **animal** kingdom*
- 3. We battle against the death of **hopes and dreams***
- 4. We battle against the death of **relationships***
- 5. We battle against the death of our earthly **bodies***

B. From Death Comes the Possibility of Life (23,24)

- 1. The glory of a grain of wheat is **veiled** within the kernel*
- 2. Plant the kernel and watch a **miracle***
- 3. Jesus uses the wheat to speak of **Himself***

C. The Lord of Resurrection Invites Us to Die — and Live (25,26)

- 1. The option given us is presented in **extreme** terms: Love / hate*
 - To love your life means to continue being your own **master***
 - To hate your life means to **surrender** to Jesus Christ*
- 2. When we surrender to the resurrected Savior, we become like a kernel of wheat, planted, and springing up with **spiritual** life*

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Life Group Questions

- 1. There was a special testimony shared on Sunday involving God bringing life to where once there was death in a spiritual and physical sense. In what way has God brought life out of death for you?*
- 2. Jesus uses an example from nature (wheat falling to the earth) to explain a spiritual truth about the resurrection. Can you think of other examples from nature that illustrate spiritual truths about the gospel?*
- 3. What are some specific examples of the death that surrounds us? Mike talked about plants, animals, relationships, and dreams; can you think of other examples of the pervasiveness of death?*
- 4. The glory of Jesus was veiled in human flesh and the glory of the wheat is hidden as well. Can you describe a time when God used a seemingly small or insignificant thing to impact your life in a big way?*
- 5. What does the death of Christ produce?*
- 6. What does the life that Jesus won for us look like?*
- 7. What needs to be resurrected in your life?*
- 8. How can we pray for you?*