

GROUPS CURRICULUM

THE
GOSPEL OF
John

PASSAGE: JOHN 12:23-33

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Start talking.

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is something funny that is not worth it to you? Like going back for a second piece of cake...

Start thinking.

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- **Read: John 12:23-24** What kingdom principle is Jesus teaching? What must happen in order for Jesus to be glorified? What will the outcome be?

Start sharing.

Choose a question to create openness.

- **Read: John 12:25** Pastor Chris says that in order to pursue the life God has for us, many of us have to die to our past. What is in your past that you need to hold a funeral for? Do it right now, in your group. If you feel comfortable, say it out loud or just take a moment of silence to mark the moment and let go of those things that are holding you back.
- We are tempted to trade the eternal things of God for temporary comforts and preferences. What preference is keeping you from the full life God wants you to live?

Start praying.

Be bold and pray with power.

- Share what God is doing in you or a prayer request + pray together

Start doing.

Commit to steps and live it out this week.

- **Read + Meditate:** Philippians 2:6-11
- **Reflect:** Where is your pride getting in the way of you moving forward with Jesus?
- **Do:** Who can you share this with this week?