

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Lost in Translation

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Memory Verse: Proverbs 2:6
For the Lord gives wisdom;
from His mouth come knowledge and
understanding.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: When we follow Jesus, we agree to the great exchange.

Read John 12:20-28

1. How do you think non-believers understand the phrase "die to self?" What does it generally mean to you? How does Jesus' own life and impending death exemplify "dying to self?"
2. Some Greeks, "God-fearers," wanted to meet Jesus (v 20-22). What do you think excited them about Jesus? Why are you excited about Jesus? If you were speaking with a non-believer, what could you share to help them get excited about Jesus?
3. Jesus responds to the request by sharing that the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified (v 23). What was Jesus referring to when He mentioned being glorified? How can we shift our focus from our own glory and self-focused purposes to better align with God's glory? What are some practical ways to live for His fame?
4. In what ways was Jesus' death like the "falling and dying" of the grain of wheat? Considering the immediate and long-term impact, what was the



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"much fruit" that came as a result of Jesus' death?

5. How does the analogy of the grain of wheat apply to our lives as followers of Jesus? Where in your life is God calling you to surrender control, ambition, comfort, or reputation so that He can produce fruit? What makes that hard or scary? What are some examples of fruit that can come from our own "dying to self?"
6. Jesus says that those who love their life will lose it and those who hate their life will keep it for eternity (v 25). What are some unhealthy ways we can love our life that might conflict with following Jesus? What does it mean to hate your life in this world? What are some potential misunderstandings of this phrase, and how can we interpret it in a healthy way?
7. Serving Christ comes with honor from the Father (v 26). In what ways might our desire for human recognition get in the way of fully serving Christ? How does the promise of honor from the Father encourage you when serving feels unnoticed or difficult? Where might Jesus be inviting you to follow and serve Him right now?
8. Jesus expresses having some inner turmoil (v 27), yet He remains faithful to God's will. Can you recall a time when following God was difficult or costly for you? What did you learn about yourself and God through that experience?

Reach out to anyone who couldn't participate with your Small Group and make a personal connection with them this coming week (call, text, email, or personal face-to-face conversation.) Let them know they were missed, and you look forward to seeing them next time.



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