

# Connect Groups

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## Sermon Date

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Mervyn Hill

## Bible Passage

John 12:20-33

## Theme & Introduction

Passion Sunday. Jesus prepares for the cross. Jesus had recently ridden into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This passage is a short while after this.

## Questions

- 1) (Light hearted start!) Merv referred to a game he played when he was younger – conkers! Have any of you played that game?
- 2) In the talk game-changers and junction moments were mentioned. Share any experiences you have had when something pivotal happened in your life. How did God's presence/intervention affect what happened?
- 3) What do you think Jesus meant and the implications of Him being "glorified"? (John 12:23). See also John 7:39; 11:4; 12:16; 13:31/32; 17:1-5
- 4) In v25, Jesus talks about seeds dying so that life could be produced. Jesus says we are to 'hate our lives in this world' so that we keep it for eternal life. See Matthew 16:24-26. How would you explain this to a new Christian or someone searching?
- 5) As we move through this season of Lent and think through our rhythms of life, particularly the Sabbath, Bible Reading and Prayer, what are the things that we might have to die to so that the fruit of the Spirit will bear fruit in our lives? See also, Rom.8:12-14; Col.3:5-10
- 6) 'My Father will honour the one who serves Me' (v26). In the talk there was a reference to knowing the 'Smile of the Father' in your life. Have any of you experienced this in your life? If so, when and how? (For further reading on seed dying and raising to new life see 1Cor 15:35-44)

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