

## HUMBLE LESSONS FROM A SONG, A SON OF A DONKEY, A SIGN, AND A SEED

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**Get a Grip & Get a Life // For Those He Loves // John 12:12-26**

### **CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships**

1. Is there anything noteworthy going on in your life since we last met? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others since we last met?
2. If you had to ride into a big celebration (like Jesus rode in on a donkey), what would you ride and why?
3. What's a memorable time in your life when you learned a meaningful lesson from an unexpected source?

### **REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives**

4. From a fresh reading of John 12:12-26 [read it together], what's one thing that speaks to you in your current walk?
5. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
6. The crowd cried "Hosanna!" but they misunderstood Jesus' mission. How can we guard our faith from being shaped by cultural or political expectations?
7. Jesus rode a humble donkey instead of a war horse. What does this teach us about His heart and mission?
8. In what areas of your life is God calling or convicting you to reflect that same kind of humility?
9. When have you seen the testimony of another Christian cause someone to seek to know more about Jesus, and how does that example impact you?
10. Is there a difficult situation you're in right now that could be an opportunity for God to grow something new? How might surrendering that to Him bear spiritual fruit?
11. Pastor Jeremy gave the illustration of knowing a dog's master by who that dog follows. Where are individuals in our day most challenged to choose whether they are going to follow Jesus as Master or follow after someone or something else?

### **PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)**

12. Jesus said a grain must fall and die to bear fruit, and Pastor Jeremy talked about how the Christian life is meant to be lived like a seed. What is something you need to "die to" in order to be fruitful for God?
13. What's one area where you are struggling to die to self? How can we walk with you in that?

Spend time praying for God's help with these and any other prayer requests your group members share.



## Announcements

**Welcome to the first week of our second trimester of Life Groups!** This trimester, we want to put special focus on ensuring that our groups have a heart for multiplying. Would you begin to pray now that the Lord would raise up new leaders and hosts and seek His face for your role in helping to cultivate a healthy culture of multiplying groups to multiply God's glory on the earth?

2 events are on the near horizon:

- Our **Church-Wide Picnic** will be on Sunday, June 1. No matter how long you've been with us, we invite you to travel to Stokesdale Town Park after second service for a time of fellowship, games, and enjoying time together as a church family. We plan to have food ready around 1:30pm. We will have burgers and hot dogs. There's a sign-up sheet on the Plug-In Portal for anyone willing to pitch in by bringing needed sides and desserts.
- We will have a **Zoo Trip** to the NC Zoo in Asheboro coming up on Saturday, June 7 for our children and their families. We will leave the church at 8am, carpooling from there. The trip is designed for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families. Older siblings, grandparents, and children's ministry volunteers are welcome too! We can get discounted tickets with a group of 15 or more. Payment will be due by May 25. Prices will be as follows: Ages 13-61: \$15, 2-11: \$11, 62+: \$13, under 2: free. We will also plan to meet up and eat together at the zoo. To sign up, see the Plug-In Portal or contact us in the church office: info@nvf.life.

## Individual Options for Going Deeper

Read this article from GotQuestions with a helpful explanation of what Jesus meant when He said that the one who loves his life will lose it:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/he-who-loves-his-life-will-lose-it.html>