



Devotional and Discussion Guide - John 12:23-33,42-43

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

READ

Begin by reading John 12:23-33,42-43.

- As you read, underline or highlight each time you come to the word "glory" or a form of glory (glorify, glorified).
- Note the places you find an unexpected truth. For example, if a kernel of wheat dies it produces many seeds.
- What questions do you have about these verses?

REFLECT

- **ON GLORY IN SACRIFICE:** *Reread John 12:23-25.* This is the culmination of Jesus' ministry and speaks to the purpose of his life and ours. We all have dreams, and often our dreams involve personal recognition and accolades. But Jesus has a different vision for his life. What kind of glory are you living for? What are you willing to sacrifice for God's glory?
- **ON GLORY IN SERVING:** *Reread John 12:26.* We are called to serve because Jesus served. How have you been resisting servant-hood? What does being a servant look like in your life? What promise does Jesus make to those who serve?
- **ON GLORY IN SUFFERING:** *Reread John 12:32-33.* All of these ideas might seem counterintuitive, but there is something especially surprising about the idea of glory in suffering. In your own words describe how Jesus on the cross displays glory in suffering.

"It is not just that the shame of the cross is inevitably followed by the glory of the exaltation, but that the glory is already fully displayed in the shame." – D.A. Carson

PRAY

- Begin your time of prayer by reading **2 Corinthians 4:7-18**. Read it slowly.
- Use these verses to guide your prayer. Here are some things to get you started.
FOCUS on the presence of Jesus in your life in the midst of trials.
THANK God that His grace is reaching more and more people.
CONFESS how you have lost heart and been overwhelmed by momentary troubles.
ASK God to help you fix your eyes on what is eternal.

***Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

2 Corinthians 3:9-18
1 Peter 5:1-4
Romans 8:18-21
1 Corinthians 15:58

