

“Donkey King” Group Study

Season 3: Light in the Darkness, **Week 9**

Passage: John 12:12-26

Pastor Ryan Paulson

ICEBREAKER:

~ Share with the group what the make and model of your first car. Jesus rode a donkey!

As a way to get into the study, go back over the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

Donkey King

John 12:12-26

Jesus is the **unexpected King** who calls for our **unhindered surrender**.

1. An unexpected **approach: peace**
2. An unexpected **scope: all**
3. An unexpected **plan: death**
4. An unexpected **invitation: follow**

Absolute surrender is the pathway to **eternal honor**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read John 12:12-26
2. Who was it that went up to worship at the feast? (v. 20) Why would they be there?
3. Where else in the Gospels does Jesus speak of wheat? Look it up together as a group and then read again Luke 12:24-26. Discuss any possible correlation.

4. In your own words, describe what a person looks like who hates their life according to these passages?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. Take a few minutes as a group and simply praise Jesus aloud for who He is and what He has done.
6. What does the world teach us about being successful? How do these compare to the qualities of Christ that you just praised Him for?
7. Andrew and Philip went to Jesus together. What could this mean for the life of a disciple of Jesus?
8. Is there a temptation in your life to use power or control in a situation rather than submitting to the peaceful way Christ might be leading you towards? At home with your family? Possibly at work? If so, explain.



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

9. The scope of the Kingdom that Jesus inaugurated includes everyone. Is there anyone in your life that you have struggled to pray for in the past or possibly in the present? Take a moment to pray for them now.
10. Listen to '[I Surrender All](#)' sung by Carrie Underwood. Listen to the words carefully and allow them to sift through your heart about what you might be holding back from His Kingship. [▶ Carrie Underwood - I Surrender All \(Official Audio Video\)](#)
11. After listening, consider sharing what was brought to light with the group for prayer, accountability and encouragement.

General Church Announcements:

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive

Thanksgiving is a great time to celebrate all that God has done for us. However, many families in our church family need help to make this season special. We're collecting donations toward gift cards so the families can purchase food they need. You can donate from October 29 to November 19, or join our team to deliver cards between November 12-18. To donate or sign up to deliver, click [HERE](#).

<https://efcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/583/responses/new>

Worship Night

Wednesday, November 8 – Dinner: 5:15pm; Worship time: 6:30-8pm

Jesus invites us to receive and participate in a life of communion, both with Him and each other. This special night will focus on experiencing and engaging in this very practice. We'll start with a free dinner in the Courtyard at 5:15pm, then go to the Worship Center to lift up our voices together, hear stories of lives transformed by community, and then take communion. Click below for more info/to RSVP.