



# Lifegroup Curriculum: Easter

## Looking Back (15 mins)

### Family Time

1. Vision:
  - Vision Statement: Explain the vision of your lifegroup. Invite someone in your lifegroup to share your vision piece next time.
2. Icebreaker Question:
  - What were highlights of celebrating Easter this past week, or what was something that brought you joy this week?
3. Check-Ins:
  - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

## Looking Up

### Worship (~15 mins)

- [Be Enthroned](#) - Jeremy Riddle
- [All Hail King Jesus](#) - Bethany Wohrle

### Bible Study (30 mins)

Context: John 12:1-19

Passover is approaching, and Mary, Martha, and Lazarus hold a banquet in Jesus' honor. Meanwhile, the local chief priests scheme to kill Jesus and even Lazarus because of how many Jews believe in Jesus following Lazarus' resurrection. The next day, huge crowds in Jerusalem wave palm branches and honor Jesus, calling Him the king of Israel. Seeing the growing crowds, the Pharisees say to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" (John 12:19)

### John 12:20-29, NIV

*20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.*



*23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

*27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"*

*Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.*

### Discussion Questions

- What strikes you about what Jesus says in this passage?
- What do you think Jesus means when He says, "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me..."? (v. 25)
- What do you think it means for us to practically serve and follow Jesus? (v. 26)
- Jesus talks about when a kernel dies, it produces many seeds. (v. 24) What dreams or hopes have "died" or haven't been fulfilled for you in the last couple of years? What emotions do you feel when you think of them?

### Personal Reflection (a few minutes on your own):

Take a few moments to invite Jesus into areas that feel like disappointments or missed expectations. What is He saying to you? Jesus often wants to bring His new resurrection life to areas that feel hopeless and dead. Take some time to give Jesus those things, and ask, "Lord, what do you want to give me instead?" Be expectant to hear what He wants to give you.

## **Looking Forward (15 mins)**

Break into groups of 3-4:

- What's one takeaway from today's conversation and/or reflection time, or one truth or hope that you feel God is giving you?
- What's an area you need God and/or our community to support you in this week?
- You can take some time at the end to pray for one another.