

Discussion Guide for John 12:12-36

1. Read John 12:12-36 and then briefly review the sermon outline. (Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus teaches leaders to lead by being examples of faithfulness service with humility.

Read Luke 22:24-27

What are the risks that make leaders hesitant to apply Jesus' humble service approach?

Do you think those hesitations are legitimate? Why?

In what ways does humble service make you want to follow and serve beside a leader?

Read John 13:3-7

How does this powerful picture of a servant leaders inspire, encourage or instruct you personally?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-7

What are the godly motivations for faithful leadership?

How does genuine concern for the good of his people and the glory of God safeguard leaders against the abuses in 5:2-3?

Biblical leadership principles can be applied to any situation where you are responsible for the wellbeing, growth or success of other people.

Thinking about your own life, where has God placed you as a 'leader' responsible for other? Ministry, Home, Work...

What could you do this week to be an example of humble service?