

When Everything Changes

"If anyone serves Me, He must follow Me..." John 12

Following Jesus leads us through many _____ moments.

Defining Moments: Occurrences setting a new course for life; pivotal events.

Scene 1: At our _____ John 11

The _____ of Jesus changes our fear of _____.

Sisters: *"If _____..."*

Disciples: *"Let us also go, so we may _____ with Him."*

Lazarus: *"x x"*

Jesus: *I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes, in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die!*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

Facing down _____ gives us courage to truly _____.

Scene 2: At Jesus _____ John 12:1-11

The _____ of Jesus changes our life _____.

Judas: *"Why was this not sold?"*

_____ everything by _____ the purse.

Jesus: *"She may _____ it."*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

All _____ for _____ must become all _____ for _____.

Scene 3: _____ Jesus John 12:12ff

The _____ of Jesus changes the _____ of our _____.

Crowds: *"Save now!"*

Greeks: *"We wish to see Jesus."*

Jesus: *"He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me..."*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

"Save _____" must become "save _____!"

Challenge: When everything changes...

"Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed..." Psalm 25:3-5

Discussion Guide: When Everything Changes

Open: Allow people to share a defining moment from their life.

“Defining Moment”: Occurrence setting a new course for life; a pivotal event. Defining moments are experiences that bring us to a point of change. They may be perceived as either positive or negative.

- Was the defining moment you shared “positive” or “negative?”
- Can you think of a defining moment that fits the opposite description? What the difference? Can *negative* experiences, define life *positively*?

1. Defining moments are either “appointments” or “disappointments.”

Sometimes God *disappoints* us so we will join His *appointment* for us.

- How were the crowds *disappointed* by Jesus *appointment* as King? What were they expecting? What was a surprise? Would Jesus’ have been more loving and kind to have met people’s kingdom expectations?
- How do God’s defining moments in our lives *disappoint*, or surprise, us?

2. Defining moments may happen while we are “at the tomb.”

Agree, disagree, discuss:

What is called life is destroyed by death & none can take away its terror. Homer
“No one knows whether death may not be the greatest good that can happen to man.” Plato

“Let them fear death who do not fear sin.” Thomas Watson

“The graveyard is the market place where all things are rated at their true value, and those who are approaching it talk of the world and its vanities with a wisdom unknown before.” Richard Baxter

- Have you ever had an experience that forced you to face your own mortality? Did that help you define what is important to you?
- How does “facing death down” free us to truly live?
- How does Hebrews 2:14-15 inform this show down?

3. Defining moments may happen when we sacrifice something very valuable.

- Has letting go of something very valuable to you (willingly or unwillingly) helped you define your life values and priorities? Share.
- Agree, disagree, discuss: *“We only value what we’re spent for.”*
- How can “keeping” be a moment that defines our life negatively? *Keeping* – Clutching for self. How might we put ourselves in the role of Judas by hanging onto stuff, or people, that we should be sacrificing to Jesus?

Prayer Target: Hearts & lives shaped by God’s appointments & disappointments.

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Scene 1: At our tomb John 11

The life of Jesus changes our fear of dying/living.

Sisters: *"If only..."*

Disciples: *"Let us also go, so we may die with Him."*

Lazarus: *"x x"*

Jesus: *I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes, in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die!*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

Facing down death gives us courage to truly live.

Scene 2: At Jesus feet John 12:1-11

The love of Jesus changes our life values.

Judas: *"Why was this not sold?"*

Lost everything by keeping the purse.

Jesus: *"She may keep it."*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

All this for me must become all me for this.

Scene 3: Following Jesus John 12:12ff

The reign of Jesus changes the rule of our kingdom.

Crowds: *"Save now!"*

Greeks: *"We wish to see Jesus."*

Jesus: *"He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me..."*

Apply: Jesus changes everything because...

"Save now" must become "save forever!"

Challenge: When everything changes...

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