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The Three D's of Discipleship – John 12:20-26

[Home groups following the discipleship course may prefer to use the questions in the course booklet]

Desire

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Question 1: How has the pandemic affected people's spiritual appetite?

Question 2: How should churches and Christians respond?

Death

²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Question 3: What is unique about the Christian attitude to death?

Question 4: How should it affect our discipleship?

Devotion

²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.

Question 5: How do we understand Christ's devotion to us?

Question 6: What is the most significant thing that you have learned from this passage, and how will it affect you as a disciple?

Prayer

Loving Heavenly father, help us to desire a closer walk with you. Draw us in friendship and obedience from the outer courts of your temple to the throne of Grace for help in our time of need. Give us the strength to put to death the live we used to live, and through your death and resurrection power, seize hold of life in all its fullness. Grant us a devotion to you, which takes no notice of this world's distractions, and help us walk in such close communion, that we will fear no evil, but rejoice in today's call to be your servants and tomorrow's honour in eternity. For the sake of your Son the Servant King, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.