

PILGRIM HOME GROUPS

The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and have sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP: June 03, 2018

1. Please share an example when you had to give up something, someone, in order to experience something new. Was it easy or difficult, why?
2. Verse 19 ends with the Pharisees saying, "Look the world has gone after him," and V. 20, some foreigners approach the disciples, wanting to see Jesus. What do you think John is trying to say?
3. In John 2:4, 7:30 Jesus makes statements about His time "has not yet come." There is a pivot in His life in 12:23. What time has come? What does this mean in light of a seed being planted?
4. Are there lesser applications for us about timing with God and our lives as "seeds"?
5. Read John 12:27ff. Jesus' picture of God was big enough he could still have a troubled spirit. What hints in 27-36 also affirm a picture of God that allows us to have emotions like these?
6. In 12:32 Jesus declares, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." What does this mean for Jesus' call to us to share Him?
7. Use of darkness and light when speaking of Jesus is a key image and theme in John. What does this mean for you/us today?



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The spread Down Way of Jesus

JOHN 12:20-36

12:20 Now some Greeks were among those who had gone up to worship at the feast. ^{12:21} So these approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." ^{12:22} Philip went and told Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus.

12:23 Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ^{12:24} I tell you the solemn truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ^{12:25} The one who loves his life destroys it, and the one who hates his life in this world guards it for eternal life. ^{12:26} If anyone wants to serve me, he must follow me, and where I am, my servant will be too. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

12:27 “Now my soul is greatly distressed. And what should I say? ‘Father, deliver me from this hour’? No, but for this very reason I have come to this hour. ^{12:28} Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

12:29 The crowd that stood there and heard the voice said that it had thundered. Others said that an angel had spoken to him. ^{12:30} Jesus said, “This voice has not come for my benefit but for yours.

12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
^{12:33} (Now he said this to indicate clearly what kind of death he was going to die.)

12:34 Then the crowd responded, “We have heard from the law that the Christ will remain forever. How can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” ^{12:35} Jesus replied, “The light is with you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

12:36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he went away and hid himself from them.