



Small Group Work Sheet

John 12:12-33 - Living for the Applause of One

May 5, 2013

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

1. In your life, whose applause do you live for? Parents? Spouse? Employer?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

2. Read John 12:12-19. Before this Sunday, how did you picture the triumphal entry? How was your mental picture changed?
3. How powerful was the temptation for Jesus to capitulate to the pressure of popularity? How strong is the pressure of social-acceptance and popularity in my life?
4. Read Psalm 118:25-26. How does knowing the context of these verses help us understand what the people were asking Jesus to do? Why is that so intoxicating?
5. Read John 12:25. What does it mean to hate your life? Why must we hate it?

6. Read John 12:26. This is a challenging verse. What does it mean to follow Jesus in the path of suffering? What kind of honor do we receive from God the Father when we embrace this kind of suffering?

7. Read John 12:31-33. The center of God's will for Jesus' life involved suffering. Why might the center of God's will for our lives involve suffering?

8. Read John 12:31-33. Why do we tend to talk about ourselves more than Jesus? What does God promise will happen when we make much of Jesus?

1. What am I doing for the applause of the crowd that the Holy Spirit is convicting me to eliminate from my life?

2. What is the Holy Spirit calling me to change to gain applause from my heavenly Father?