

Adult Discussion Questions: John 12:23-29

Discussion Starter: Why is the resurrection important to you? What difference does it make in your life?

Digging Deeper:

1. In John 12:24 what are the similarities/differences between the seed planted and the seeds produced?
2. The concept of 'glory' surrounds John 12:24 (see 12:23 and 12:27-28)? What might be the significance of this to verse 24?

Changing Our Hearts:

3. What fears do you have about death? How does the death and resurrection of Jesus help you in these fears?
4. What are some ways in which we see Jesus' resurrection life showing up in the lives of Christians?

Opportunities Around Us:

5. When you see the way you are interacting with those in your bubble, are there things in your life that need to die? What would it look like for the life of Christ to be part of that process?

Family Discussion Questions

1. Find some seed and plant in some soil, placing it in the sunlight on your windowsill. As you do this you could read John 12:24 and ask some questions of your children (adjust for age!):
 - a. Do you think this is dead or alive?
 - b. What might come out of it?
 - c. How is Jesus' death like this seed?

2. When the seed has grown could ask the following questions and relate them back to John 12:24:
 - a. How different is what has grown to the seed?
 - b. How is that possible?
 - c. What has happened to the seed?
 - d. What will become of the plant if left to grow to maturity?

3. How can adults and children share in the life that Jesus gives (eternal life)?

4. Is the life that Jesus gives part of your own life?

5. Do you children have questions they would like to ask about Jesus and eternal life?

6. Consider doing a short “video” shout out to Hope Church that we can use in the service next week. Contact Daryl on daryl@hopechurch.org.nz.