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JOHN 12:12-50

WARMING UP

1. Do you remember a particular time when you were expecting something big to happen? What was it and how did the waiting feel?

DIGGING IN

2. Read John 12:12-50 aloud together. Is there anything from this passage that stood out to you? Anything you had questions about?
3. Why was it a time of such significant tension in Israel (see 11:47-48; 12:9-11, 17-19)? How does acknowledging Jesus as King create tension in our lives today?
4. *His plan is too shallow (v. 12-19).*
 - Which group of people had this perspective about Jesus? What was it about him (his purpose, his nature, his teaching) that led to this assessment?
 - Jesus had a deeper spiritual agenda than the people recognized. How do we at times settle for something shallow instead of what God really wants for us?
5. *His price is too high (v. 20-36).*
 - Which group of people had this perspective about Jesus? What was it about him (his purpose, his nature, his teaching) that led to this assessment?
 - Jesus calls his followers to sacrifice their desires and submit their direction to him. Look up several other texts on this theme: Matthew 16:24-26; 1 John 2:15-17; Galatians 2:20. What are the implications of living/not living out this truth? Where is the point of friction in this for you right now?
6. *His path is too narrow (v. 37-43).*
 - Which group of people had this perspective about Jesus? What was it about him (his purpose, his nature, his teaching) that led to this assessment?
 - Notice v. 43: "they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God." What would be some indicators that we are more interested in pleasing people than God? How much of a struggle is this for you?

BREAKING OUT

7. *Jesus on his terms (v. 44-50).* What does Jesus say about himself in these verses? To what degree are you committed to Jesus on his terms vs. on your own terms? Where are you resisting total surrender? What do you need to lay down?