

## It's a way of life...

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### Introduction

Last week, we saw that Jesus' pathway to generosity is grounded in a love that will not let us go. It is in that kind of love that we encounter Jesus ahead of his final Passover with his disciples. Jerusalem is overflowing with Jews and proselytes from all over the known world who have gathered for this most holy of festivals. In this throng there are some Greeks who wish to see Jesus...

### Discussion Questions for John 12:20-26

1. Who is someone famous that you have met? How did that encounter occur? Did you arrange it yourself, or did someone help you make the introduction? What was it like to meet them?
2. Based on the context, what brings these Greeks to Jerusalem? Why have they come?
3. Why would they want to see Jesus? What might they have heard about him? Why is this important to the writer of John's Gospel?
4. What was so unique about their request that Philip would first filter it through Andrew? Why didn't he just go to Jesus directly?
5. Twice before Jesus had said that his time hadn't come, but now he says that it has. What do you think cause him to say this at this particular time?
6. In Jesus' parable, who is the kernel of wheat? What is he telling his disciples through this parable? How is this connected to the request made by the Greeks?
7. Expanding on the parable, where is Jesus calling you to die so that you might live? What would it take for you to take this next step?
8. How may we pray for you this week?

### Prayer ("For God's Gifts" by Howard Thurman)

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair. O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate. O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness. O generous God open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

**Next week: Mark 11:1-11 (Palm Sunday)**