

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for March 28, 2021:
Matters of the Heart: Disappointment



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS
Community or family**

● **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

● **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. What are you looking forward to this Spring?

● **GROW** *in Christ*

John 12:20-43

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

28 Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

John 12:20-43

2. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
3. What were the disciples expecting Jesus' ministry to culminate in? Do you have been disappointed to hear that he would actually die instead?
4. When Jesus says, "now the prince of this world will be driven out", what does he mean? How does Jesus' death drive the evil out of the world?

● **SERVE** *others*

- Invite someone to participate in the Holy Week celebrations, including the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning.

● **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**