

Series: Life to the Full; *Sermon:* **Life to the Full Sacrificially**
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Bible text explored: John 12:20–26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. This passage contains “the most counter-intuitive principle in the Bible.” What things can you think of that we know are true but seem to run against our intuition?
2. When Hellenistic God-fearers seek an interview with Jesus (vv. 20-21), how does that signal a significant expansion in the scope of his kingdom? How did the delegation’s request fulfill the unwitting prophecy (in *John 12:19*) of the jealous Pharisees?
Why would these Gentiles have approached Philip first?
3. How does Andrew’s action (v. 22) highlight a ministry that every Jesus-follower can emulate? (See also *John 1:40-42* and *6:5-8*.)
Whom could you invite to church?
What are some ways you could nudge others to encounter Jesus?
4. How (v. 23) is Jesus’ response a “hinge” in John’s Gospel, shifting from its signs of Jesus’ divinity to the approaching climax of his glorification? (See *John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20*.)
5. What principle (v. 24), spelled out in farming terms his hearers would understand, did Jesus declare?
6. What did this declaration specifically reveal about how the Son of Man would be glorified?
7. How (v. 25) does this principle apply to every Jesus follower? (Here the word hate used by way of comparison to all other loves.)
How is concentrating on one’s own success losing what matters?
How does putting Jesus in the “driver’s seat” lead to life to the full?
8. What benefits (v. 26) are held out to all who center their lives on God’s glory . . .
. . . from the Son?
. . . from the Father?