

Sermon Notes
“The Price Worth Paying” (Jn 12:20-26)
Sept 20, 2020

Jesus set the way of following him; to come and die

➤ **The Analogy: Seed in the bad or seed in the ground (12:24)**

➤ **The Challenge: Jesus as our example (12:23)**

For our imitation (12:25)

➤ **The Hope: Jesus as our substitute**

For our salvation (12:26)

➤ **Your ‘death’ makes life possible for others**

Die: To sin
To self
To ways of the world

Live: By going
By speaking
By suffering

➤ **What is Jesus worth to you?**

Small Group Discussion:

• What if your life changed the eternity for *many* others. Would you give it? Think about all you have, all you do, and all you pursue. What is hard to leave, give up, or abandon?

• In what ways did Jesus die? Think beyond just the physical. What did he have to give up, abandon or change in priority?

• What does it mean to “lose” our life? What about “hating” our life? If we lived like this, how does having “eternal life” carry us through the difficulties of today?

• What or whose power and strength do you tend to live under? If Jesus is our substitute, giving salvation, how does that help us through the difficult road of living for him in a sinful world?

• What does it look like for a person to “fall to the ground and die?” What about a church? What would it look like for Brightview to, “...fall, die and produce many seeds?”

• **Prayer:** Finances, Career/business, Future – Uncertain about the future, unmet needs or challenges? Surrender these concerns to him (Mt 11:28). Pray for strength to fix your eyes on him, seek His work and your spiritual growth (Mt 6:33)
