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## John 12:12–19 – The Only King Worth Going After

### Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Have you ever seen (or met!) a member of the royal family? Describe the scene, how people were behaving, and what the feeling was around you.
2. Now consider these verses in John 12. What's the scene like here? How is it similar / different to the modern-day royal occasions you just shared?
3. Jesus is clearly presented in these verses as our king. But what does it really mean for Jesus to be our king? If that's the case, what implications will it have for our lives?
  - ☐ If it helps, consider it like this: You're a fly-on-the-wall observer of the life of a normal Christian person who's truly seeking to live with Jesus as their king. What will you see through the course of their week, on their commute, on the school run, at work, when dealing with their children, when they're around others and when they're in private?
4. The extent to which we live like Jesus is our king is a matter of our *loyalty* to him. What about Jesus (in this passage and elsewhere) makes your desire to be loyal to him grow and deepen?
5. What are the other things that can claim our loyalty and begin to function like alternative 'kings' that we go after? In every case, what makes Jesus a better king?
6. Given the sort of king Jesus, do you think he commands us to be loyal to him for his glory or for our good? Explain and discuss your thoughts on this.
7. Whether we're loyal to Jesus is only really shown when it's hard to be or when we find it hard to agree with something he teaches (e.g. see John 6:60-69). The time between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday would be just such a time when it was hard to remain loyal to Jesus. What will help us to keep 'going after Jesus' in the hard times as well as the good?

**Respond to God's word in prayer**

**Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met**

**Take some time to pray for each other**

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*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."  
(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)*