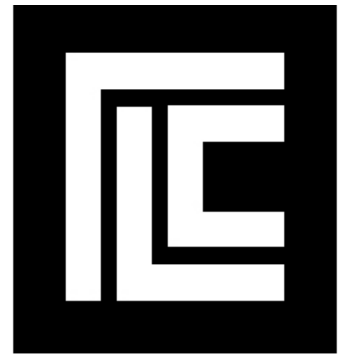


Novel: a vision for the next chapter

September 22, 2024

John 12:20-26



Part of the next chapter of TLC's story involves the planting of a church. We took some time on Sunday to set our hearts and minds around the importance of church planting and the opportunity it provides to follow Jesus into planting, losing, and giving away what we have for the sake of his kingdom.

Getting Started

Sunday's message included a testimony from Olivia about how she encountered Jesus through a church plant. Do you have a story from your own life about a church or a community that helped shape who you are?

Read

John 12:20-26

Digging Deeper

- From the text above, Jesus says, '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.' What do you think this statement means in relation to sacrifice?
- What do you think it means to 'plant a church,' and how can this concept be applied to our lives as individuals?
- We've spent the last few weeks (Sunday included) talking about the future of our church. What excites you most about what God might have in store for us together? Share with your group.
- What does it mean to you to 'lay down your life' for others and how can that look in practical terms in your daily life? Is there a specific area in your life where you can give of yourself more — whether it's time, resources, or support. What small step could you take this week to start living that out?



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