
**Study Questions for the March 28, 2021 Sermon:
“The Hope of New Life”
James 12:20-26**

1. In John 12:22 we see Phillip dealing with an issue (Whether or not Greeks should be introduced to Jesus) by consulting with Andrew, someone he trusted.
 - a. Share a scripture that recommends seeking council or listening to advice.
 - b. Tell a personal incident in which you sought advice before making a decision.
 - c. Do you know of any Bible stories where someone listened to or ignored advice before acting?
2. Scripture implies that the Greeks did not get to see Jesus after they spoke to Phillip. What far more glorious and important event would they have witnessed if they remained in Jerusalem for a few more days?
3. One important implication of the Greek's visit was that Jesus' salvation plan was for more than the Jews. What other events in Jesus' life also suggested that he came for the salvation of Gentiles as well as Jews?
4. Pastor Paul mentioned a couple of the many images presented in hymns that would strike unbelievers as bizarre or grisly: 1) A fountain of blood washing us clean. 2) Clinging to a cross. Were there any hymns that struck you, before or shortly after your conversion, as bizarre, that you now love?
5. 1 Peter 2:24 explains the great benefit we enjoy because *Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree*: The benefit is *that we might die to sin and live to righteousness*. In what sense are Christians dead to sin.