New Beginnings Community Church
Date: November 22, 2026
Speaker: Senior Pastor Hurmon Hamilton

Life Group Discussion Notes

OVERFLOW: Lord, Be Glorified, Today!

Scripture used: John 12:27–29 (NIV); Psalm 115:1 (NLT); Romans 12:1 (NIV); 2 Corinthians 1:3–5 (NABRE); Revelation 21:3–4 (NLT)

OVERVIEW

Pastor Hurmon asked how we worship when life is painful. He turned to Jesus' prayer in John 12, where Jesus' soul is deeply troubled and the cross is a day or two away. Jesus did not ask to be saved from that hour. Instead He prayed, "Father, glorify your name," and a voice from heaven answered. Pastor Hurmon explained that to glorify God is to turn the light on through how we live, so that people glimpse God's character. Continuing the series Overflow, he taught that worship begins in our heart, flows through our whole life, and overflows into the lives of others. He defined it as giving God our heart and our whole life, daily, on good days and hard days.

KEY POINTS

1. **Let your "why" turn the light on.** Using a lamp, Pastor Hurmon showed that generosity, kindness, service, and singing along are good, but they become worship only when we plug them into love for God. Psalm 115:1 (NLT) says all the glory goes to God's name for His unfailing love and faithfulness. In view of God's mercy, Romans 12:1 (NIV) urges us to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, and he said his mother-in-law's worship starts when she steps out to catch the bus. He told weary parents who arrive late after wrestling their kids into the car that they have already worshiped.
2. **Pray, "Lord, be glorified in my suffering."** In John 12:27–28 (NIV), Jesus prays "Father, glorify your name" instead of asking to be saved from His hour. It is fine to pray for deliverance, he said, but Jesus was speaking of His unique mission. He explained that Jesus was asking that when He was lifted up on the cross, the light would come on for people who suffer and wonder whether God has failed them. He said suffering and death are part of our earthly journey in a world broken by sin. He invited us to ask that people see something of God's goodness in how we go through it.
3. **Let God's comfort overflow.** Pastor Hurmon told of NBCC partners Melissa and Melvin, who both asked his wife Rhonda for prayer for Melissa's dialysis. Melissa asked that God restore her joy, and she shared that since February she has led six people in the dialysis suite to trust Jesus by listening to their stories, including a young Ukrainian man whose parents were killed in the war. Queensly Austin, who sang "The Story I'll Tell" by Naomi Raine, wrote that a week after losing her baby at 20 weeks, she was in despair on her birthday, locked herself in a bathroom, and played Spotify on shuffle. That song came first, and she felt God give her a warm, tight hug and a reminder that this is not the end of her story. As 2 Corinthians 1:3–5 (NABRE) says, God comforts us in affliction, and the comfort God pours into our lives can overflow into someone else's life.
4. **Our suffering is not the end of the story.** Pastor Hurmon said that as we identify with Jesus in His suffering, "we will know as Jesus knew that our suffering is not the end of the story." Revelation 21:3–4 (NLT) promises a day when God wipes every tear and there is no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain. He said he cannot guarantee we will not suffer, but he knows what happens to those who die trusting Jesus.

DISCUSSION

1) **HEAR -** Worship is giving God our heart and our whole life daily, on good days and hard days. We pray, "Lord, be glorified today," trusting that our suffering is not the end of the story.
2) **UNDERSTAND -** What is your why? What would it look like to pray, "Lord, be glorified in my suffering," in the hardest part of your life right now?
3) **DO -** This week, ask, "How can I bring God glory in this moment?" and whisper, "Lord, let my response reveal who You are." Listen to someone's story before you share your own.

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