- 10. How does this passage help us in responding to a) The brokenness in me and others, and b) How the church should respond to the brokenness of the world?
- 11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Making It Personal



- Do you acknowledge the world as a dark place? What about your heart?
- 2. How has this study helped you in understanding the nature of Jesus' mission?
- 3. Is there a change, be it spiritual, emotional, or physical, that you need to make based on this study?

Coming Next Week

Next week Is Easter Sunday. Make sure you do not miss the service where we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

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Message for Sunday April 13, 2014 Village Green Community Church By Jon Korkidakis

Message Notes

When the Darkness is Overwhelming – John 12:44-50



Sermon Notes

Broken: When Suffering Tells a Bigger Story - Part 3

This Week's Message

Brokenness is all around us. The evidence is everywhere, yet we can be at a loss at what to do about it. For some, it can become overwhelming to the point of hopelessness. In this message we look at a simple metaphor that Jesus used to illustrate the brokenness and what he offered as a solution. How we respond to Jesus will shape the way we see the world around us, and also heal the brokenness inside us.

Life Group Study Notes



This following study is based on John 12:44-50

- 1. What is significant in understanding this section in John as the last opportunity Jesus has to speak to a crowd?
- 2. How does this passage demonstrate Jesus' equality with God?
- 3. When you hear the term, "darkness", what comes to mind? How does your perception shape the way you understand it in this passage?
- 4. As a contrast, how do you understand Jesus' usage of the term "light?"

5.	Why is the "light/darkness" metaphor so powerful?
6.	How does Jesus present judgment in this passage?
7.	In the message there was a definition for "darkness." What was it? Darkness is a
8.	What were the four points that followed this definition? Take time to discuss each, especially in terms of the difference a faith in Christ brings to each?
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9.	If Jesus were living in our culture today, would his usage of "darkness" be the same or would it be different?