

Journey to the Cross

In the last week of Jesus' life before His crucifixion we see Him clearly focused on accomplishing His purpose...His mission. In the weeks leading up to Easter we will focus in on what He did and said, who He engaged with, and how he made decisions. As we follow Him on His journey to the Cross, what lessons will there be for us?

Week Two: God Moments

Text: Luke 19:28-44

Discussion Questions:

The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. (Leader, urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions <u>before</u> coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

- What was the purpose of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? (See Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 118:25-27.) What did Jesus want everyone in Jerusalem to know about him?
- How could the crowd go from shouting, "Blessed is the king of Israel" to "Crucify him" in just a few days? (See John 12:13; Mark 15:12-15.)
- What happens when we have a different agenda for Jesus than he has for us? Explain.

- Why did Jesus weep over the city? (See Luke 19:41-44.)
- Have you ever missed a God moment and later faced consequences?
- What is God saying to you that you are ignoring?

Prayer

Pair up and pray together.

- If there is something you know God is asking you to do, pray for boldness to seize the opportunity, surrender yourself to God's agenda for your life.
- If not, pray that you would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit...that you would have an opportunity soon to follow His leading in a new direction.

Application

- Review the ways your group discussed that you could make "lost people" more welcome at church. What did you actually do last week? What was the result?
- Who asked God daily last week, "Give me someone to BLESS today"? What happened?
 - If you missed an opportunity, start again! Ask God for opportunities and seize them!

Scripture Memory

[Jesus] said,
"If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace

– but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Luke 19:42