



### *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 Three: Everyone is Invited**

Text: Mark 11:15-18, John 12:20-36

#### 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 before coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

- Who or what has the greatest influence on your motivations in life? (In other words, what motivates you? Your work... your relationships... a social justice issue...?)
- Who are some people in your life that need a relationship with Jesus? What would you say is a barrier in your life that keeps you from showing them how to have that?

- Read John 12:23-26. During the message on Sunday, Mark summarized this passage: "His dying for our salvation is also his design for us to imitate." What do you think that means realistically?
- How might you practice that in your life?
- What is one way you could BLESS someone this week?

## Prayer

As a group, pray that God would open your eyes...make you aware of the people around you as Jesus was aware of them:

- What are their burdens...sorrows...regrets...?
- How you might connect with them, setting aside your agenda if necessary.
- That compassion would give you the boldness to do so.

As you pray, mention those people specifically so your friends can pray with you for the ones God has brought to your mind.

## Application

- Make a note of who God brought to your mind.
- Identify one thing you can do this week to BLESS that person:
  - Begin to Pray for them
  - Listen with Care to their story
  - Eat with Them
  - Serve Them
  - Share Your Story and God's
- Be ready to share with your group what happened.

## Scripture Memory

*I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus  
my Lord,  
for whose sake I have lost all things.  
Philippians 3:8*