

Group Questions – Palm Sunday

What kinds of things easily distract you?

Share a time you got distracted and missed something.

Read – 2 Corinthians 4:17 - *For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!*

How can ALL our present troubles be considered SMALL?

In what ways can our small present troubles distract us from eternal glory?

If you had to guess, what percentage of your relationship with God do you think is focused on your present troubles?

Read – Luke 19:29-40

Jesus is fulfilling a prophecy given 550 years earlier in...

Zechariah 9:9 - *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.*

A king riding on a DONKEY showed he was coming in PEACE.

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride in to town on a donkey?

We know from the other gospels that the people were shouting “Hosanna” which means “save now”.

What do you think the people were wanting Jesus to save them from?

Read – Luke 19:41-44

What do these words of Jesus reveal regarding the thought process of these people that were shouting “save now”?

How can we be like these people... asking God to “save now” but totally missing what is going on?

Pastor Nate shared... ***“Jesus is not just the one who answers your prayers, He is the answer to your prayers.”***

In your own words, what does that statement mean to you?

During a time of great trouble, King David had this interaction with God...

Psalm 27:8 - *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."*

Why do you think God told David, "Seek My FACE"?

How is seeking God's FACE different than asking God to do something for us?

Jesus had this word of rebuke for the religious leaders of His day...

John 5:39-40 – *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."*

What did Jesus say was the way to gain LIFE?

Are you more prone to "come to Jesus" in times of trouble or in good times?

If our troubles cause us to "COME TO JESUS" and coming to Jesus is what gives us "LIFE" then should we consider trouble to be a blessing or a curse?

Asking again...

In what ways can our small present troubles distract us from eternal glory?

Read this prophecy of Jesus' second coming in...

Revelation 19:11 - *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

A king riding on a HORSE showed he was coming to CONQUER.

How can knowing that Jesus will ride a HORSE at His second coming give us security and hope as we face our small present troubles?