

The Kings as New Pharaohs

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Deut. 8:7-10-15, 17, Joshua 5:13-14, Judges 2:10-11, 1 Sam 8:18-20, Jeremiah 17:9, Matt. 21:8-11,15, Jeremiah 29:11, James 4:13-14, John 14:26

Connect: Where in your life have you forgotten about God? Has it been in times of trial or prospect?

Engage: Re- read Deuteronomy and Joshua. What stands out to you?

We often to forget who is in charge. How many of you have done,” Experiencing God” by Henry Blackabee How does that sit with you – See what God is doing and join him? Do you experience resistance with that statement? Why?

The Crux of our spiritual journey is surrender.

Where have you had to surrender your plans?

Where have you wanted a King that will fight your battles?

Palm Sunday: Matt 21:8-11, 15– the Disciples had an agenda for Jesus – Do you have an agenda for Jesus?

Zach gave a warning:

If we only follow God when He is on our side, we will eventually abandon Him when His path leads to the cross we do not want to carry. How does that warning sit with you? Do you find this in your own life in certain ways?

1 Peter 2:24-25 – but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. Do you allow Jesus to be the shepherd and overseer of your soul?

Zach gave us 3 statements to ponder this week.

1. Quit asking God to join your side – whatever your side is –
 - a. Where do you treat God as your personal assistant?
2. Put Worship before planning.
 - a. Do you prioritize God before your start your day? How do you hold your day loosely and press into what God has for your day?
3. We have a shepherd for our hearts.
 - a. How do you allow God to access to your heart?
 - b. What would it look like this week if you stopped recruiting God for your agenda?

Apply: What is the invitation for you this week as we head into the Holy Week? Maybe take some time this week to mediate on Christ and what it cost Him to go to the cross.