

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Welcoming the King

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

Who's the most important person you've ever hosted in your home, or been involved in welcoming in some way?

What did you do to make them feel at home, and what was this experience like for you?

What memories do you have with the celebration of Palm Sunday, and which were most meaningful for you personally?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Luke 19:28-48.

In general, what stands out to you from these verses, or from Pastor Alan's message on these verses this weekend?

What words, phrases, individuals, or concepts intrigue you, perplex you, or stir up some questions for you?

How did this week's message help you better appreciate the significance of Palm Sunday as the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus as our king?

In his message this weekend, Pastor Alan said, "*Worship is the means by which we welcome the presence and power of Jesus the king into our midst. Worship is a kingdom-activating response. It has the power to drive back the enemy, to lift discouragement and fear, and to increase our experience of faith and peace.*"

How does this definition compare to your understanding and experience of "worship" to-date?

In what ways does it expand upon these things?

How might it help you more fully engage with Jesus as your king?

What do Jesus' instructions to his disciples in verses 28-35 teach us about a vital part of worship for each of us? (refer also to Zechariah 9:9 and Romans 12:1)

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What might it look like for a Christ-follower to do this today?

Read verses 35-38.

From these verses, in your own words, how would you describe what praise is and isn't?

What are some things that might keep praise from occurring in a Christian's life (verses 39-44)?

In contrast, what are some ways a Christian can grow in their practice of praising God?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to be reminded of or challenged by this week ... both from the message and from your eGroup discussion?

Is there anything in your life right now that Jesus is calling you to release to Him as an act of worship? Explain.

What's the next step for you in following-through on this?

How might you grow in praising God and/or addressing those distractions that are keeping you from meaningful praise?

How can your eGroup support you and pray for you in doing this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by expressing praise to God together for who He is and for what He has done.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. If your eGroup -- or even your family -- is looking for a way to serve, perhaps this opportunity might be a good fit.

Vincent and Tecca Rivera started a meal ministry a few months back and have their six children involved one way or another. Every Saturday, the Pantry is open from 11:00am until 12:00pm for individuals that would like to receive up to ten items along with prayer and encouragement. Some of the items they make available are hard to come by, especially at the food bank. There are approximately 30 to 40 recipients of all ages and gender groups on a weekly basis. If interested, you can contact Vincent at 970-978-9565 or JW at 970-302-7505.



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