Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Scripture: Luke 19:28-44



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the sovereign King who is compassionate toward sinners, secured their peace with God through his atoning work on the cross, and deserves eternal praise and worship from all his creation.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- 1. How do verses 1-27 connect with this week's passage?
- 2. What task did Jesus give his two disciples? What does it reveal about Jesus (Colossians 1:16)? Do you treat possessions as belonging to God, and are you willing to use them for God's sovereign purposes?
- 3. Why did Jesus ride a donkey into Jerusalem (Zechariah 9:9)? What did the donkey symbolize?
- 4. Why did the people spread their cloaks on the donkey and the road (verses 35-36)?
- 5. What prompted the people to treat Jesus with fanfare and praise (verses 35-38; Matthew 21:9; Psalm 118:26)?
- 6. Why do we lack peace with God, and how can we obtain it (Luke 2:14; Colossians 1:19-22)? What's hindering you from experiencing the peace of Jesus Christ?
- 7. Why was the crowd's praise short-lived (Luke 23:21)? What kind of king did they expect? Like the crowds, what false expectations and agendas do we bring to Jesus rather than surrendering to him and his divine agenda?
- 8. Why did the Pharisees challenge Jesus' praise (verse 39)? What did Jesus mean by declaring that inanimate rocks will worship if the people cease to?
- 9. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem even as the crowds sang praises (verses 41-42)? Do we have a similar anguish over the sin within and around us?