



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 19:28-48

April 14, 2019

For Starters:

What is one thing you remember about what you learned from the previous two-part sermon series, "Using Your Weaknesses"?

How do you make your entry when you come home: With a silent grunt? A big to-do? A hug and kiss? Saying, "What's for dinner?"

What trial or challenge is ahead of you that you are not looking forward to going through, but that you know you must in order to come to a better place?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. Read Zechariah 9:9. Then answer, what was the purpose of the task Jesus gave his two disciples? Why was it important?
2. Read Luke 19:11. Now imagine the triumphal entry. What were the people expecting? When Jesus wept over Jerusalem and cleansed the temple, would this have fit into their expectations? Contrast the expectations of the crowds with what Jesus knew and expected at that point.
3. During his ministry, Jesus often chose to keep his true identity quiet. In verses 38-40, he allows the disciples to proclaim his kingship loudly and publicly before the crowds. Why is the timing right to now proclaim his kingship? How does this event play into the road to the cross?
4. In verses 41-44 Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Imagine the contrast between the crowd's rejoicing and Jesus' weeping? Why was he so emotional? What was the significance of his prediction?
5. Read verse 46. Why was Jesus angry?
6. Do you want Christ's kingship to look a certain way? What happens when the way God is working in your life does not look like the kind of kingship and victory that you expect and desire of the Lord?
7. In what ways is the church today a house of prayer or a den of robbers? How can we help ensure that our church remains a house of prayer?
8. How has Jesus "turned over tables" in your life? What has he been clearing out recently?

Take plenty of time to pray in your group. Ask God to lead you in this prayer time. Listen and imagine carefully for these insights to surface. What may God be showing you? Once more, ask God for His guidance in why He wants you to remember His power in your life. Go forth this week sharing with others what you have learned - knowing that when you are weak... He is strong.