

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 15, 2009

Passage: Luke 19:28-48

Memory Passage: Luke 19:38

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:28-34.** How specific are Jesus' commands to the disciples?
- (b) What might be the significance of the colt being unriden (Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3; 1 Sam 6:7)?
- (c) *Think about it:* What does it mean that Jesus knew where everything was going to be? Why is this important to recognize about Jesus in light of the previous parable and what is about to happen?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 19:28-34. How did Jesus know where the colt was? How did he know that the people would let his disciples take the colt? Talk about the significance of the donkey being unriden. What does this communicate about the entry that Jesus is about to make? How did Jesus show himself to be God in this passage? Pray that you would see Jesus rightly this week as God over everything.

DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:28-34 and Matthew 21:1-11.** Compare these two accounts. What does Luke leave out? How might who Luke is writing to affect what he explains?
- (b) Read Zechariah 9:9-10. How was verse 9 fulfilled in this passage? Has verse 10 been fulfilled?
- (c) *Think about it:* How has Jesus brought his kingdom near? When will it be fulfilled? Why is this important for us to understand? What ramifications does it have on how we see the world? As ambassadors of the Kingdom what is our role to play?
- (d) *Family:* Read Matthew 21:1-11. Talk about what is missing from the Luke account that is in this account. What does it mean that Jesus fulfilled Zechariah 9:9? What does it mean that he has yet to fulfill 9:10? Where are we to look for our hope in this world? Talk about how as ambassadors for the kingdom we can spread the glory of the kingdom of God to others. Thank God that one day He will come back and make everything right and bring peace.

DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:35-40.** What did the spreading of cloaks on the ground signify (1 Kings 1:33)? In spite of the previous parable, what do the disciples believe is about to happen?
- (b) What do they praise Jesus for? Verse 38 is a quote from Psalm 118:26, what are the ramifications of what they say about Jesus and Jesus fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah?
- (c) What are the Pharisees concerned about? Is there an allusion to 19:14 here?
- (d) *Think about it:* What would happen if the disciples did stop? What does this say about creation's awareness of the truth and the Pharisees' unawareness? How do you see this play out today in our modern world of science?
- (e) *Family:* Read 19:35-40. Talk about the significance of all the actions of Jesus and the disciples. Why do the Pharisees not want people to say anything? How are they like the citizens in verse 14? Do you see Jesus as king? Believing in Jesus as Lord and savior is what it means to be a Christian? Take some time to talk about what it means to live under the Lordship of someone else. Pray together about what Jesus has done and continues to do in your family's life.

DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:41-44.** What did the people of Jerusalem fail to understand? What was his response to their unbelief?
- (b) What is the result of their unbelief? (*Extra credit:* What happened in A.D. 70 in Jerusalem?)
- (c) What is the reason for this judgment?
- (d) *Think about it:* We all know people who though they know the truth they do not place their trust in Christ. How do you respond to people who reject Jesus? Do you respond like Jesus with tears? What are some reasons that we fail to respond like Jesus?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:41-44. Talk about why Jesus wept as He entered Jerusalem. Was Jesus happy about the judgment that was going to come upon Jerusalem? How are we to look upon people who fail to believe in Jesus? Take some time and

talk about people that you would like to see come to trust in Jesus. Pray for them and for your own heart to be full of compassion for them.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:45-48.** The other gospels have a much longer telling of the cleansing of the temple, how does this sudden act set up the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem?
- (b) Verse 46, has two quotes from the OT one from Isaiah 56:7 and the other from Jeremiah 7:11. What does Isaiah go on to say in this verse? What does this say about the Jew's heart to welcome foreigners?
- (c) What keeps the leaders from silencing Jesus?
- (d) *Think about it:* Does Jesus hide from conflict? When you see hypocrisy and disrespect for the Lord, do you speak up or remain silent? Do you speak the truth in love or out of self-righteousness? Jesus knew he was going to be killed but he still taught every day amid conflict.
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:45-48. Talk about why Jesus cleansed the temple. Did Jesus hide from those who didn't like Him? How are you to handle conflict? Pray that like Jesus you would stand up for what is right in the midst of persecution but in a gracious and loving way.

DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* What has stuck out this week for you? Do you see Jesus as King and ruler of your life? Or do you do things that you want to do? What might you be holding back from Christ? Pray, as Romans 12 says, that you would “present yourselves daily as a living and holy sacrifice pleasing to the Lord.”

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The Visiting King

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”