



Small Group Discussion Guide

April 9, 2017

Sermon Title:

"A Temporary Triumph"

Sermon Text: Mark 11:1-11

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: What was the last parade you attended? Have you ever walked or rode in a parade? How did it make you feel?

Discussion:

1. Many people had gathered into Jerusalem at this time. Why were they there? What was the Feast they were celebrating? What did it commemorate?
(Reference: Exodus 12:12-17) (John 11:55)
2. Why was Jesus coming to Jerusalem? **(Luke 18:31,32)**
3. As they rode into Jerusalem, the people laid down Palm tree branches in the road as a sign of honor. (Hence the name: "Palm Sunday") What else did they lay in the street?
(Reference: Matthew 21:8)
4. Jesus had had a variety of experiences with the city of Jerusalem. Each of the other gospels tell of how Jesus interacted with the city. Consider these "theme words" the Pastor used to describe each interaction:
 - Matthew **("QUESTION")** "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirring and asked, 'Who is this?'" **(Mt. 21:10)** What questions do you have about Jesus? Have you had your questions answered to your satisfaction?
 - Luke **("PASSION")** "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." **(Luke 13:24)** Why do you think Jesus wept over the city? Have you seen the iconic painting of that scene? Consider other times we know of Jesus weeping. What does that teach us about him? How should we emulate that expression?
 - John **("FRUSTRATION")** As stated by the Pharisees: "See this is getting us nowhere! Look how the whole world has gone after him." **(John 12:19)** What was the Pharisees attitude toward Jesus? Why would it be a bad thing for the Pharisees if the whole world followed Jesus?
Potential sources of frustration may have been:
 - 1) Progress of the church they could not stop. More and more people believed.
 - 2) Praise they couldn't silence. **(Reference: Luke 19:39,40)**
(Can you think of a song we sing that uses these lyrics?)

Closing: *Close by praying for each other. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!***