

## Palm Sunday 2018 Study Questions

**OPENER:** Begin today with a Lectio Divina on Luke 19:28-44 - Jesus Triumphant Entry.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

1. Look at the other stories surrounding the Triumphant Entry in the same chapter asking why God gathered these stories together in the same grouping?
  1. Why the Parable of the Ten Minas, right before he goes into Jerusalem - what was that communicating?
  2. Why the story of the Temple at the end, again, what was he communicating?
2. Look at Luke 12:49 through to the end...doing a Lectio Divina of it, and asking why did Jesus say 'division'?
  1. What does that mean?
  2. How does that jive with the current rhetoric in our culture of 'inclusion'?
  3. Exploring the concept of his Lordship in that discussion - do we become so inclusionary at the cost of overlooking sin?
  4. Or, how do we become comfortable with Jesus being Lord such that it may divide relationships in our lives?
  5. Why division before peace?
  6. How does division **NOT** speak to people groups, race, or differences such as that?
    1. In other words, how are the People of God always to be inclusionary of all races, nations & people groups?
    2. Do a word study on 'nations' and see what God says about his Gospel to them.
  7. Consider how division does speak to division in lifestyles, choices & attitudes regarding the holiness of God?

**Pray together for the following things...**

1. For the hopelessness, violence & promiscuity in our culture to do it's job in waking people up to their need for Christ.
2. For our region, and Six:Eight's influence in it - pray for people to come to faith through our ministry this year.
3. Pray for our commitment to the holiness & purity which the Scriptures call us to, in order that we would be freed to do Kingdom work.
  1. Pray for continued deepening of the men & women after the retreats.
4. Pray for Six:Eight to learn exactly how to engage without entering into foolish, useless & stupid arguments, that we would have wisdom to be able to navigate the very troubled waters of our culture in order to share Jesus clearly.
5. Pray for certain people in your lives you'd like to see come to faith!!
6. Pray for Kathleen, Jen & Elysia - spiritual protection, guidance, for their prayer & financial support and for good training as they prepare for Lebanon in June!