

LifeGroup Study Sheets**April 2nd, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 12)**

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 11:1-11. This passage is known as the “Triumphal Entry” because it hails Jesus as the Messiah of Israel that they had been waiting for. The people shouting “Hosanna” because they wanted to be saved. Ultimately, they thought Jesus would bring political freedom from Rome, but Jesus as King would bring something else entirely. Defeat of sin, Satan, and death.

Read Zechariah 9:9, Mark 10:45

How do these passages show you Jesus' humility? How does it show you what Jesus ultimate plan was to do?

Question 2: Read Philippians 4:4-6. Pastor Jon asked us to think about the perspective from Jesus' eyes as he passed and encountered the crowd entering Jerusalem. Jesus knew every person's name, story, struggle, and sin as He passed them. If Jesus were passing the people today, He would be seeing people struggle with anxiety, restlessness, and burnout. Pastor Jon asked the question, “If anxiety is a vehicle driving you somewhere, where is the destination it's taking you?” Considering these verses, how do you deal with and handle anxious thoughts and fears when they arise in your life?

Question 3: Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. Pastor Jon talked about practical ways of dealing with our anxiety and cares with a notecard illustration. He led us into an activity of turning our anxieties into our prayer requests before God. The goal of doing such is to realize how much God truly cares about what is going on in your world, and to cast those anxieties upon him. What are practical ways you can remember God cares for you? How will you remind yourself of that this week?

Read Isaiah 41:10, 1 John 4:9-10

Question 4: Read 2 Kings 6:15-17. Pastor Jon ended his sermon with a story about Elisha. Elisha was able to see God's provision and protection in a way that his servant could not see. Elisha then prayed so his servant could see what God was doing! Pastor Jon said, “the goal of prayer was so that they could have proper perspective.” In our life, our perspective is that of what we see and what the world sees. Going to the Lord in

prayer reveals a much bigger plan that we can lose sight of if we don't take time to pray! What are you asking God to teach you through this story? How could you practice this during the week?

Read Psalm 91:9-12

Taking it Home

Reflect on these truths from the message:

1. Jesus is near (Philippians 4:6)
2. Jesus Reigns (Philippians 2:9-11)
3. Jesus Cares (1 Peter 5:7)

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?