

Palm Sunday

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the spiritual practices you use to connect with God? How have they been helpful or fruitful for you?
2. Identify one practice that has lost some of its effectiveness or has become rote, as if you're just going through the motions. In other words, identify a "spiritual extension cord" that might actually be diminishing your experience of Jesus's presence in your life.
3. We talked about Jesus being the new Temple. Reread our passage Matthew 21:12-13. We identified three functions of the Temple: forgiveness of sins, declaring cleanliness, and embodying God's presence. What examples come to mind of ways Jesus did these very things? Share why that feels significant to you.
4. Read John's account of Jesus clearing the Temple court (John 2:13-22). Paying particular attention to verse 19, talk about the implications of what Jesus said.
5. At the time of Jesus' death, the veil of the temple was torn in two. Read some or all of the following verses and discuss the significance of this as it relates to you personally. Matthew 27:50-51, Mark 15:37-38, Luke 23:44-46.
6. Why do you need an experience of Jesus's presence in your life right now?
7. How do you sense that God might want to reveal His presence in your life in new ways? Are you doing anything to hinder that? How could you be more open to it as Good Friday and Easter grow near?