

Right King, Wrong Kingdom

Setting The Scene:

Luke 19:28-44

The Un-Triumphant Entry:

Luke 19:41-44

- ▶ The King will hear our **expectations**...not **give in** to them
- ▶ Having the **right King** with the **wrong kingdom**, will bring nothing but **frustration**

What To Expect From The Right Kingdom:

- ▶ To have the right King, we need the right:

✓ **Orders**
Luke 19:28

✓ **Obedience**
Luke 19:30-34

✓ **Generosity**
Luke 19:35-36

✓ **Praise**
Luke 19:37-40

✓ **Motivation**
Luke 19:41-44

THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen.

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first, this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.



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Growth Group Homework

For the week of September 18, 2011

Welcome to the Fall Quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Growth Group quarter. Your first meeting will include a potluck dinner; time to get acquainted, as well as time to discuss your Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish this.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God change lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Labor Day and the beginning of football are the traditional signals of the end to summer. What's something you did this past summer that was fun or you enjoyed doing – i.e. going to a movie, swimming, family gathering, vacation, barbeque, etc?

2. Of all our senses, smell seems to be the one that is best at bringing back memories. Our sense of smell has the ability to instantaneously trigger memories of events, places or people from our past. Can you think of one or two smells that trigger good memories of your childhood?

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We read this weekend about how Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because the people "just didn't get it." Throughout the book of Luke, we've seen Jesus' commitment to helping people understand the right kingdom so they *would* get it. What do we learn about Jesus' attitude about people who "don't get it" in Matthew 9:35-38?

2. This weekend, we heard about the connection between worship and obedience. How do you think 2 Kings 17:32-41 reinforces the connection that Chris made between worship and obedience in Romans 12:1-2?

People worship God in a variety of ways. Below are some examples of various paths of worship. Read the statements below and circle any and all the descriptions that seem to fit you.

- ❖ I worship God best outside in the middle of his creation. Everything he made points me to him.
- ❖ I worship God creatively. I appreciate a worship service that involves all of my senses.
- ❖ I worship God by engaging my mind, studying and being stretched intellectually.
- ❖ I worship God best in a more traditional setting. I love the rich meaning behind religious ceremony, symbols and unchanging structures.
- ❖ I worship God best in solitude and simplicity. I like to draw away by myself.
- ❖ I worship God by working hard to make the world a better place. Worship and service go hand in hand.
- ❖ I worship God while I am caring for others and meeting needs.
- ❖ I worship God in quiet moments where I can ponder things in my heart and just be still.
- ❖ I worship God best when I celebrate what he has done in song. There is nothing better than his church singing his praises.

Can you think of any ways to incorporate more of your preferred path into your life?

TAKING IT HOME

Before going over the Growth Group Covenant, jot down some of the reasons you joined a Growth Group this quarter. What are you looking forward to the most?