A Crooked Swap Meet

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Luke 19:28-48

Jerusalem 33 A.D.

Understanding The Times And The Terms:

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- Money changers:
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- Carrying merchandise:
- All nations:
- Fig tree:

What It Means For Us:

1 Corinthians 3:16-17. 2 Corinthians 6:16-18. Micah 6:8. James 1:26-27

- ► The Temple was supposed to be an all access pass to God
- We are the Temple
- ▶ Do we have anything that needs to be <u>overturned</u> or <u>driven out</u> because it is making it hard for people to <u>see God</u>?
- ► God's anger is anywhere we are denying people access to God

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is the most important thing for you to remember and why?

Prayer Requests:		
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Prayer is an important part of being in Growth Group. Over the years, we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple quidelines.

Group prayer goes best when...

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. **No one** is *required* to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. **No one is required to pray out loud.**



REAL MAN WEEKEND: Our Real Man Weekend for the Oakbridge Experience is set for October 21-23. The weekend will include plenty of man event options (paintball \$40, golf \$55, sports, mountain biking, road biking, 4x4ing, sleeping & eating, etc.). Cost is \$169-199. The speakers are Bob Vernon & Sonny

Herr. This event sold out last year. Space is limited. Don't delay! Register online at northcoastchurch.com.

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of September 25, 2011

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1. How many siblings do you have and what was your place in the birth order of your family? From your perspective, what are some of the advantages of your place in the birth order?
- 2. Have you ever talked to someone famous? If so, when, where and how did it happen?
- 3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse, or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We heard this weekend that as a follower of Christ, we are the "all access" pass to God for those around us. How do the following verses reinforce this reality?

Matthew 5:13-16

I Peter 2:9-12

What's your response to being considered an "all access" pass? (Circle all that apply)

⇒ Stoked⇒ Working on it⇒ Empowered⇒ Confused

⇒ Bring it on ⇒ Need more information

⇒ Love it
⇒ Nervous
⇒ Unprepared
⇒ Other

2. When hearing about Jesus' anger, we can fall into the trap of thinking love and anger are opposites that can't coexist. What does Psalm 106:40-45 tell us about anger and love coexisting?

3. During the time of Jesus, faith and religion had been turned into something very different than what God intended. What do the following verses tell us about what authentic faith looks like?

Isaiah 1:13-17

Micah 6:6-8

James 1:26-27

What verses above are most helpful for you?