

COMMUNITY GROUPS GUIDE

SERMON BASED

Christ Community Church



FACE TO FACE: SERVANT OF ALL

March 25, 2018

- 1. WHAT STOOD OUT IN THE BIBLE ABOUT THIS WEEK'S SERMON?**
- 2. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU MOST ABOUT THE SERMON AS A WHOLE?**
- 3. WHAT WAS THE APPLICATION OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON FOR OUR CHURCH?**
- 4. WHAT WAS THE APPLICATION OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON FOR YOU PERSONALLY?**

READ MARK 10:35-45, 46-52; 11:1-11 as a group twice, asking each person to write down what they observe about the passage (*It might be helpful to break these down into smaller pieces for discussion or focus on one of these passages*). Talk about initial observations/questions of the passage as a group and then transition into these questions.

1. WHAT DO WE SEE ABOUT JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE?

- Examples: He's on His way to Jerusalem, He's talking about authority in the Kingdom, He emphasizes servanthood, He speaks of His death for sinners again, He has mercy on Bartimaeus and heals him, He enters Jerusalem, He is loved by the crowd, He is going to be the suffering servant.

Optional Question: Is there any conflict between Jesus authority and His servanthood? Do you think that James and John struggled with that? Do you struggle to see Jesus completely - as sovereignly in authority yet willingly coming to serve unto death?

2. WHAT IS JESUS TEACHING HIS FOLLOWERS ABOUT THE RULES OF THE KINGDOM?

- Examples: Jesus tells his disciples it's not about being served, but to serve; He stops to heal Bartimaeus and have mercy on him; He's going to Jerusalem to lay down His life as a ransom for many - the truest example of servanthood there is.

Question: Are you consistently looking for ways to lower yourself in service? We follow the example of our King and he did not come to be served by to serve and give His very life for us. Dialog about the following excerpt on servant leadership from D.A Carson:

"Jesus is the servant King, which does not mean that he is less authoritative. It means that he rules in such a way as to seek the good of those over whom he reigns. He is adamantly committed to seeking the good of those over whom he reigns... It is not for self-promotion. It is not to gain power. It is not to become highly respected and wonderfully known or the like. Rather, it is to seek the good of those over whom the Lord has placed you. And that goes all the way to the cross... So, Jesus uniquely goes to the cross to serve as a ransom. But there is a sense in which we take up our cross and follow him, seeking the good of those over whom the Lord has placed us."

Question: This week, how will you specifically serve someone *like Jesus has served you*? Be specific - I'm going to apologize to my neighbor for _____, I plan to dropped groceries off for _____, etc.

3. WHAT APPLICATION CAN WE DRAW FROM LOOKING CLOSELY AT THIS PASSAGE?

- Seek to use the platforms you have been given to seek the good of those around you. *Make a list.*
- Be grateful... "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Identify Three People. Serve Them!