Lesson 25

The Return of the King | Matthew 21:1 - 17

START MEETING

- What do you look forward to for the rest of 2023? (i.e. things you hope to accomplish, experience and enjoy)

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

1. Read Zechariah 9:9 – 12, list down the details you can learn about this promised King. How do you think they have been fulfilled in King Jesus?

2. The word 'Hosanna', as shouted by the crowds, was both a cry of help 'Please save us', and a shout of rejoicing 'Our saviour has come'. Which posture comes more naturally to you?

3. Jesus is the unexpected king (He did not save the Israelites as they expected him to). Have there been moments where Jesus did not meet your expectations? How does remembering that Jesus is our Passover lamb help that?

4. Read Isaiah 56:1 – 9. Who are the people God wants to include? What kind of qualities do these people possess? What are God's promises to them?

PASSAGE FOCUS

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Like the crowds, we should expect King Jesus with anticipation and celebration, as prisoners of hope. In Jesus's judgement of the temple, we learn that He expects inclusion and transformation from us.

STUDY GUIDE

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LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

5. Read Jeremiah 7:1 – 11. How did the mindset of the Israelites ('this is the temple of the Lord') prevent genuine transformation?

Close meeting

- Reflect on the key hopes of your life (Our hopes are what we deeply desire to be fulfilled, and orientate our lives towards). Share if Jesus is the centre of your hopes (you desire more of him), and the anchor of your hopes (you depend on His power. After today's lesson, is God calling you to reset your hopes in any way?

- Jesus condemns the sin of institution over inclusion, and presumption over transformation. How can you (individually or as an LG), put into practice:
  A) Inclusion over institution
  B) Transformation over presumption