

Study Questions for Small Groups

Palm Sunday April 9th, 2006

Why do you think Palm Sunday is such an important Sunday of the Christian year?

Personally, do you feel that this celebration is genuine in your spiritual life? If so or not so, please try to be honest and transparent.

Why do think Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem when this is called His Triumphal Entry? Look at verse 42

Discuss among your group some of the possibilities of what people were doing when Christ came riding in on a donkey.

What does the Apostle John mean in John 1 and verse 6 when he refers to Christ as the “Light of the World?”

In the Sunday morning sermon, Pastor referred to Jesus as a “Flickering Light” to some people. What does this mean? Does this still happen today in the church? Give some examples.

Review the sermon outline and notice why people were there and for the different reasons. What were those reasons and how does Jesus today look at professing believers who do not worship Him genuinely?

Is emotionalism wrong in worship? Is there a right kind of emotionalism when we worship God?

How are we to worship God? What does it mean to Love God with all your heart, soul and strength?

What did Pastor mean in his sermon when he said, “The measure of true worship is not our feelings, but instead it is the posture of our heart?”

Reread Matthew 7:21-24 – How do you feel about this?

Can people know about Jesus and yet not really be connected in a right relation with Him?

Discuss what this statement says, “The true indicator of a person’s salvation is their heart . . . not their experience. The true measure of the Holy Spirit’s presence in a person’s life is the transformation the Holy Spirit effects. Experiences are not necessarily bad, however, none of them define true faith.”

What does the sermon mean when it says, “True discipleship is more than having a knowledge of the Light.”

What does it mean to have a true commitment to Christ, not just a fascination with Christ? Look at the outline and find the three points listed as characteristics of being a true follower of Christ. What does each one mean?

Why is it so extremely important that each of us have a true understanding where we stand in our relationship with the Savior?

What must we do if we sense there is a superficial relationship with Christ?

How can we help others whom we sense does not have a genuine relationship with Christ?

Do we understand there are many people who profess to be Christian believers, but their “fruit” does not show the evidence.

Will there be people whom we know who will hear Jesus say, “Depart from me, for I have never known you?”

Is there any approach we could have towards someone to express a genuine concern and endeavor to get them in a right relationship with Christ? What would that approach be? How would we go about this?