Submission

LifeGroup Lesson April 9, 2017 Luke 19:28-40

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, come, we pray. Come to bring light even to those corners of our lives where we prefer shadows and secrets. Come to speak truth, even though we are partial to our illusions. Come to give us life, even though we stubbornly resist it. Come, Holy Spirit, to open the word of grace to us. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Breaking the Ice:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- When you think of the word submission, what comes to mind?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

This Sunday was Palm and Passion Sunday, the day we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the coming events of the week. Read sections of this story. Luke 19:28-40, 22:39-53, 22:66-23:23.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- This week's spiritual discipline is submission. How does submission fit into this scripture?
- How does Jesus' example influence your life?
- How will you submit this week?

Read the following scriptures and discuss the questions. 1 Peter 5:1-7, Psalm 40:6-9, Matthew 16:21-28, James 4:1-12, Micah 6:6-8, John 14:15-21, Philippians 2:1-8, 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:13-18; 3:1.

- What are your thoughts on the scripture?
- What does it say to you about submission?
- How will this scripture change your life?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

NEXT STEPS:

- How do you plan to demonstrate a healthy spirit of submission this week in your relationships with others?
- Take an accounting of areas in your life where you have not yet submitted to God. What action steps will you take to change this list?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

O think me worth your anger; punish me. Burn off my rusts and my deformity. Restore your image so much, by your grace, that you may know me, and I'll turn my face. --John Donne [1572-1631]