

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. In the Palm Sunday account, we see **Jesus' Submission in the Face of Power.**

- a. Look at the message outline to refresh your memory. Share with your group one memorable “take away” or truth from the weekend message.
- b. Did the message raise a question in your mind that you would like to discuss? Perhaps your friends can help you find an answer. If not, chose someone to send your question to the preacher.

2. The Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-11 (at right) allows us to look into the depths of Jesus' submission and invites us to follow him in that submission. Read the section in its entirety, then read again each set of verses as you discuss:

- a. **vv. 6-8** explores Jesus' Humiliation, that time in his life from his conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary to the time of his death. Discuss the contrast between Jesus' qualities as God and his life as a servant. What did he give up? What emotions do you have as realize he gave all that up for you?
- b. **vv. 9-11** celebrates Jesus' exaltation, from the moment of his coming alive Easter morning until he comes back as Judge on the last day. As God, he always had eternal glory. Now, in his exaltation, his human nature also participates in this divine glory. How does it make you feel to know that the man who humbled himself for you is ruling over the world?
- c. **vv. 1-5** invites us to walk in Jesus' footsteps, humbling ourselves in service to others, confident that our exaltation will also come. What phrases convict you or challenge you the most?

3. **Ephesians 5:21** calls upon us to follow Jesus in humble submission: “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Submission takes different forms as we carry out our various roles in life. Choose a word to summarie “submit yourself” for each of these roles:

- a. Ephesians 5:22-24 – Wives
- b. Ephesians 5:25-28 – Husbands
- c. Ephesians 6:1-3 – Children
- d. Ephesians 6:4 – Parents
- e. Ephesians 6:5-8 Employees
- f. Ephesians 6:9 – Employers

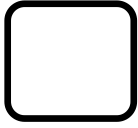
4. Close with a prayer that the Lord would bless all our Holy Week invitations.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

LORD, HAVE MERCY: SUBMISSION IN THE FACE OF POWER LUKE 19

1. Walk with the King into Jericho
 - a. Power
 - b. Submission

2. Walk with the King in life
 - a. Willing submission
 - b. Final submission

3. Walk with the King into Jerusalem
 - a. Submission to save us
 - b. Submission to save others

Next Steps for Holy Week

- **Monday – Wednesday** – Pray! Whom can you invite? Is there a member you want to invite to commune with you on Maundy Thursday? Do you have a friend or neighbor who doesn't have a place to celebrate Good Friday and Easter? Pray the Lord place one or more person on your heart... and then invite, invite and invite.
- **Thursday** – Plan to receive Jesus' body and blood in one of our Maundy Thursday services at 1:00, 3:30 or 6:30 pm. Invite a fellow member whom you haven't seen in worship for a long time.
- **Friday** – Follow Jesus into the darkness of death at one of our Good Friday services at 1:00, 3:30 or 6:30 pm or 6:30 pm at The Bridge MKE, 3203 S. 76th Street.
- **Saturday and Sunday** – Celebrate what Jesus' resurrection means to you: Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary and in The Bridge at 9:00 and 10:45 am or The Bridge MKE at 10:30 am.