



Life Group Connection Guide

Seeks to help you dig deeper into God's Word on your own and aid in your discussion in a Life Group during the week. Follow the simple prompts below in a journal or together in a small group setting. If you would like to join a midweek Life Group, please contact: jon@neighborhoodchurch.com

March 29 — PALM SUNDAY :: Jesus is King (Luke 19:37-40)

- **Welcome & Ice Breaker:**
 - *When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people celebrated the king's arrival with song, palm fronds, and laying down of their garments. If you were there that day, or even if Jesus arrived as King today, what song would you sing to worship Him? What flower or foliage would you use to honor Him? What would you give Him to welcome His entrance? Why would you choose those things in particular? What would you hope they would communicate to Jesus?*
- **Important Dates:**
 - **Last Supper Thursday Service**, April 2, 6:00PM • Potluck at Cypress Campus
 - **Good Friday Service**, April 3, 7:00PM @ Cypress Campus & 6:00PM @ Los Alamitos Campus
 - **Pickle Ball Tournament** Saturday, April 26 • Interested? Email: jericho@neighborhoodchurch.com
 - **Baptisms** Sunday, April 12 • Interested in Following Jesus in Baptism? Turn in a Connection Card!
- **Opening Prayers:**
 - **Hold yourself before the Lord // Psalm 139:23**
 - *What emotions are you feeling as you come to Life Group?*
 - Hold all of yourself out to Him and sit quietly • Allow God to come close to you & care for you in prayer right now • Listen for His voice/presence/leading
 - **Hold what you are holding before the Lord // Psalm 90:17**
 - *What are you dealing with, working on, preparing for?*
 - Hold it out to Him and sit quietly • Allow God to come close to you & establish the work of your hands • Listen for His voice/presence/leading
 - **Return • Recommit • Repent • Reattach to the LORD who is with you // Psalm 139:24**
 - *Draw near to God as He draws near to you*
 - *"Heavenly Father, I live and have my being in You: I humbly pray You would so guide & govern me by Your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations in my life that I may not forget You, but may remember that I am ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ my Lord, amen."*
- **Scripture Passage: Luke 19:37-40**
 - Begin by reading the passage out loud; even a few times if it is a shorter passage in order to let it settle down inside you.

- As the Scripture is being read, pay attention to any word, phrase, or feeling that the Holy Spirit may be highlighting to you.
 - Then share what you noticed and/or write down your observations as the Spirit leads.
- **Discussion/Personal Reflection:**
 - What challenged or impacted you during your devotional time with the Lord Jesus this week?
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- If you were able to hear it, what did the Holy Spirit point out to you personally from Sunday's sermon?
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- Read Zechariah 9:9-12. What kind of King is Jesus? What makes Jesus different from other kings in history? How is His kingship different from what people expected? How do I expect Jesus to act as King in my life? Do my expectations of Jesus match who He truly is as King? How might Jesus transform my expectations in a way that brings me close to Him?
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- Read Colossians 1:15-17. Why is Jesus worthy of praise from all creation, including the rocks (Luke 19:40)? How does creation (nature) itself testify to who Jesus is? What is the creation saying about its Creator? How does creation help you worship Jesus? Is my life actively praising Jesus, or am I quieter than the "stones" that would cry out? How might the glory and praise of creation towards God invite us to praise, worship, and testify about King Jesus?
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- Read Mark 10:21-22. How do we acknowledge Jesus as King in our day-to-day living? What areas do we allow the King to rule and reign in? What areas do we resist surrendering over to His rule? Why do you think that is? What helps us grow our allegiance to Jesus and His kingdom? How could praise & allegiance & obedience actually keep Jesus on the throne of our life and shape who we become?
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- **Closing in Prayer:**
 - Use this time to share prayer requests (with the Lord in a journal or with each other in a Life Group), holding them up to the Lord Jesus for His care & guidance this next week.
 - Consider those who the Holy Spirit may be placing on your heart to pray for this day. Seek to hold them up to the Lord for His intervening love in their lives or in your own.
 - *"Lord, who are You putting on my heart today? Who needs a special touch from You in their life? Who can I hold up to You in prayer?"*