

PRAISE

May 2, 2021 – Kevin Caudle

36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. 37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. 38 "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" 39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" Luke 19:36-39 NLT

40 He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" Luke 19:40 NLT

Praise -

I withhold it -

I refocus it -

I ignore it -

I don't see Him in it -

Sometimes He seems like blue sky when you need rain.

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!" 42 So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees. 43 Then he said to his servant, "Go and look out toward the sea." The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, "I didn't see anything." Seven times Elijah told him to go and look. 44 Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, "I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea." I Kings 18:41-44 NLT

So what would I praise Him for?

Creation

Love and Care

He's a prayer answering God

His plan to redeem me

Life Group Questions

Praise!!

For the week of May 2, 2021

This guide is designed to help you digest this week's teaching in a deeper way. It is intended to be used alongside the Sunday teaching notes. While the questions are written to be used in Life Groups, you can also use it individually or as a family.

WARMING UP:

1. Share with the group a moment from your life that you made a great choice that could have gone badly?
2. Talk about some places or events in our culture where people are not hesitant to shout out in praise.

JUMPING IN:

3. Read Luke 19:36-40. We get the impression here that there was a swell of "emotion" or praise that was so strong that if the people didn't praise, the rocks would just burst into praise. Have you ever experienced a time when you just had to burst out in praise to God? If so, share it with the group.
4. Kevin talked about 4 reasons we don't offer praise to God. (I withhold it, I refocus it, I ignore it, I don't see Him in it) Which would you say is most common for you? Why?
5. Kevin said that "Sometimes God feels like blue sky, when all you need is rain? Share with the group a time you've felt that.

BRINGING IT HOME:

6. Read 1 Kings 18:41-44. If you were Elijah's servant, how many times would you have gone to look before you expressed doubt about God showing up?
7. What is one thing that you can praise God for today?