

Growth Teams

**Week Beginning
Sunday 20th March 2016**

Going deeper

The writers of the Gospels organise their narrative very carefully to give us a good understanding of who Jesus was and what he was doing. In verse 28 Luke links Jesus's entry into Jerusalem with the preceding parable. So this week we will look at that parable.

Read Luke 19:10-27

5. Why did Jesus say he had come in verse 10? How did the Pharisee's and others feel about this? (cf. Luke 15:1-2; 19:5-7)

6. How does the parable correct the idea that the Kingdom of God was going to appear at once (vs. 11)?

7. Who do the following characters in the story represent?
 - a. The man of noble birth:
 - b. His servants:
 - c. The subjects who hated him:

8. What lesson does the parable have for those whom the servants represent?

9. What lesson does the parable have for those whom the subjects who hated him represent?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

Daytime Growth Teams are on as normal this week. There is a special meeting on Tuesday, 7:30pm in the vicarage to discuss the evening Growth Team(s) post-Easter. Growth Teams will then take a break for a few weeks and start up again the week beginning April 24th.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Luke 19:28-40 (page 1054)

Space to take notes on the talk

The Disciple's _____

The Pharisees' _____

Starter question

- ❖ What about Jesus most makes you want to praise him?

Responding to the talk

1. What do you think is the key message of the Palm Sunday episode?
2. Read the following verses in Luke: 9:31,51; 13:22, 33-35; 17:11; 18:31-33; 19:11
 - a. In what sense is 19:28-40 a climax of this part of Luke?
 - b. What should the disciples be expecting to happen in Jerusalem?
 - c. What is the appropriate response to Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem (13:33-35)?
3. Read Luke 19:28-34
 - a. Who is in charge of events?
 - b. Why do you think there is so much detail about the colt? (cf. Gen. 49:10-11; Zech. 9:9)
 - c. What point was Jesus making by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey?
4. Read Luke 19:35-40
 - a. What were the crowds proclaiming Jesus to be? (cf. 2 Kings 9:13)
 - b. Why were the disciples praising God?
 - c. What was wrong with the Pharisee's response?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. In what ways can we recapture the joyful praise of the disciples as Jesus entered Jerusalem?
10. How can we avoid sharing the attitude of the Pharisees?