

2023-24 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. Since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"The ash placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday comes from the palms on Palm Sunday. The rite of burning of the palms is done today." – Anonymous

Traditionally, the above quote describes an ancient rite of the church.

1. Reflect on the significance that the ash used on Ash Wednesday (to represent lament, repentance and the like) traditionally came from the burned palms from Palm Sunday (to represent the welcome of Christ as King).

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)

"A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:8-9)

"But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" (Matthew 21:15-16)

1. Why might it be significant that it was not the chief priests and teachers of the law who offered Jesus praise upon His entry into Jerusalem?
2. Discuss the significance of the terms used by the crowds to welcome Jesus. What does this suggest about their understanding of who Jesus was?
3. Earlier in our sermon series, we discussed the reality that many of those who welcomed Jesus most enthusiastically during His Triumphal Entry were children.
 - a. Why might it be significant that this was the case?
 - b. What might this suggest about the ability of youth/children to discern significant spiritual truth?
 - c. How might we specifically encourage the development of this ability within the children of the church?
4. Why is it significant that the Messiah was prophesied to be righteous and victorious, but also lowly? How does Jesus fulfill these requirements? How might this prophesy have failed to meet the expectations of the crowds or religious leaders of Jerusalem?

Discussion Questions Set #3

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God." (2 Corinthians 2:14-17)

1. What from Gerry's sermon stood out most to you? Why was this of significance?
2. If you could put into practice only one thing learned through the sermon this week, what would that be?