



March 25, 2018 (*Palm Sunday*)

Main Text: John 12:12-25 & John 6:60-66

Optional Ice Breaker

Share with the group your favorite local restaurant and what you like to eat when you go.

The BIG IDEA

Understanding and accepting the hard truths of what it means to truly follow Jesus

Getting in the Word

Read John 6:22-29. How does Jesus call these followers out for following him for the wrong reasons? What are those reasons and how does this happen in our culture today?

What approach do the people take in order to receive what Jesus is offering, and how does Jesus respond? Look at Romans 10:10 as a resource in support of this question.

Read Matthew 19:16-22, how does the response Jesus gives and the choice the young man make show he was not following Jesus for the right reasons? How do we sometimes do this?

What do we receive when we follow Jesus for the right reasons? Look at John 6:35.

What hard truth does Paul talk about in 1 Corinthians 1:18 and how does that connect with Romans 3:22-24?

Should the Gospel be offensive to non-believers? Why or why not? (Hint: *Not the presentation of it, but what the Gospel actually proclaims*) Look at Mark 10:45 as a resource.

How do we try and make Jesus into something that He is not? (Hint: *The people following Jesus wanted Him to be a military Messiah, political leader, wish granting genie and social revolutionary.*)

What does Jesus say we need to do in Luke 14:25-33? Did the people following Jesus do this, do we do this? Why is John 6:66 one of the most profound and discouraging verses in the bible?

The BIG Question Is:

Does Jesus satisfy you or are you looking for satisfaction in other people, experiences and things?