**Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals**

**“The Man Who Would Be King”**

**Luke 19:28-44**

**June 20-21, 2015**

 **For Starters**

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or raised questions?

**Digging In**

1. Read Luke 19:28-40. Imagine this scene – describe the sights, sounds, smells. What do you notice about how Jesus is received by the crowd?
2. This passage describes Jesus continually journeying closer and finally into Jerusalem. What does this mean for him? What does his approaching Jerusalem mean to the crowd?
3. What do the people do and say in verse 37-38? Compare verse 38 with Luke 2:14. What do you notice that is similar about these “songs” of praise?
4. Why might the Pharisees want to quiet the followers of Jesus?
5. How does Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in verse 40 hint at His true identity as king? What kind of king is Jesus?
6. Read verses 41-44. As Jesus continues His journey, He weeps over Jerusalem. Why?
7. How have the people of Jerusalem missed the coming of God (v 44)?

**Bringing It Home**

1. Jesus is recognized as the triumphant king in this passage, yet many people misunderstood His true identity. How do you relate to Jesus? Is Christ the king of your life? How can you live this week as His subject?
2. Jesus weeps for Jerusalem because they have missed the coming of God. What are some ways that we can miss Christ’s appearing in our life? How can we be attentive to the presence of God? And how can we also weep for the sake of the world?
3. What type of King is this Jesus? And why is it good news that this Jesus is the true King of the world?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Read through Psalm 72 together and meditate on how Jesus has and will embody this Psalm in His once and future Kingship.

*“History is lubricated by tears. Prayer, maybe most prayer (two thirds of the psalms are laments), is accompanied by tears. All these tears are gathered up and absorbed in the tears of Jesus.”*

-Eugene Peterson