

THE COMMONS LEADER GUIDE

SERMON RECAP

March 12th
Tough Topics - Government

EVENTS

Prayer Night - March 25th
Commons Late Night - March 26th

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:1-7

BOTTOM LINE

The government is an ordained servant to stabilize society.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 13:1-7. What does God say about government in this passage (Leaders: think commands, truths, etc.)
2. Do you tend to follow politics closely or keep some distance from it? Why or why not?
3. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
4. Why does God call believers to submit to governing authorities? What's the difference between submitting and agreeing?
5. It was said this weekend "A Christian should be a good citizen until being a good citizen makes you a bad christian." What does this mean? (Leaders: sinning against God is the only acceptable reason to defy authority.)

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:17-19 & 21:1-11

RESOURCES TO STUDY

The Significance of The Triumphal Entry -

Bible Study Headquarters

What is the significance of the Triumphal Entry? - GotQuestions.org

Questions to Process- (for the leader)

1. What does the word "Hosanna" mean?
2. How many old testament prophecies were fulfilled in this story? What were they and why are they significant?
3. The crowd is shouting Psalm 118. Why is it significant that they used a Messianic psalm during this moment?
4. What do the palm branches and cloaks laid on the road symbolize in that culture?

Discussion Questions - (ask to the group)

1. How does this story demonstrate that Jesus's Kingdom is "Not of this World"?
2. How does the humility of Jesus in this story contrast with the way earthly leaders normally display power?
3. What does this event reveal about the difference between human expectations of salvation and God's plan of salvation?
4. If Jesus truly is the King who entered Jerusalem that day, what would it practically look like to live under His kingship in your daily life?

