

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"THE TEMPLE" MARCH 26 & 27

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

More than any other historical figure Jesus has been studied and written about and yet so many still wonder, who is Jesus, really? Cutting through the noise is the fast paced action packed Gospel of Mark. Mark presents the life of Jesus in two symmetrical acts: His IDENTITY as the King over all things and His PURPOSE in dying on the cross. As we explore the life of Jesus we will find Him to be unpredictable but reliable, meek but powerful, authoritative but humble, human but divine. As we encounter Jesus we must all consider the significance of the life of Jesus the King in our own lives.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.  
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

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## OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

*About 3 minutes*

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer. Consider reading Psalm 118:22-29 as an opening praise.

2

## BIG IDEA:

*A seconds to read*

On the day we know as Palm Sunday Jesus enters into Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, but then He does something odd, He heads to The Temple and He shows Himself to be the one who will make a way for all people to once again have access to God.



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He said to [everyone using the Temple as a marketplace], "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." - Mark 11:17 NLT

## Reflect

**Read the full passage in your Bible - Mark 11:1-18.**

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?  
Be curious...and then do it.



## DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

3

## INTRO QUESTIONS:

*About 10 minutes*

Share a high and a low from your life this past week. How have you seen God at work in your life this past week?

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## SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

*About 40-45 minutes*

Read Zechariah 9:9. Jesus is the fulfillment of the entire law and the prophets. Seeing no small detail is left undone in Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, how does that help you trust Him?

Jesus brings together majesty and meekness like no other. If you were there at the events of the triumphal entry and the clearing of the temple, what do you think would have surprised you? How do Jesus' ways, works, and words in general continue to intrigue or surprise you? Do you think the ways, works, and words of Jesus differ from what the world today expects from God? Explain.





God provided the nation of Israel a system of substitutionary sacrifice for sin in the Old Testament. Jesus shows Himself to be the one who will make atonement for sin once, and for all people to have access to God. What do you learn about God in this?

## 5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 3 minutes

Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps suggested. Have the group take a few minutes of silence and reflect on these questions. Invite Jesus to speak to them in this time of reflection and meditation.

# TAKE IT DEEPER

### Live It Out

*Who is someone in your life who has not met Jesus, who has no idea that Jesus has opened up a way to a relationship with God through the cross and resurrection?*

- *Pray for them every day this week*
- *Trust the Holy Spirit to lead you and reach out to them in love, looking for an opportunity to share this good news.*

### Pray

Share with God your honest reaction to him clearing the temple, including any questions you might have.

Ask God to show you what it might mean to surrender to Jesus as the King of your life today.

Thank God for making a way for all people to have access to him by sending his son.

## 6

### CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a few moments of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

Close in a popcorn prayer. The leader will open in prayer, leaving time for others to pray aloud, and then close the time of prayer.