

Introduction:

1. Who have you put on a pedestal only to later be disappointed to discover they were not all you thought they were?
2. What is the most vocal demonstration of affection you ever did for a sports team, musical group, or celebrity?

Understanding:

Read Psalm 118 and answer questions 3 through 6:

3. Read verses 5-9. What should be our attitude towards what people can do to us? What is the admonition about where we should place our trust? Describe a specific area of your life where you need Relational Courage or Spiritual Courage. How do these verses encourage you in that specific area?
4. Look at verses 26-27. In what ways do they predict Jesus' triumphal entry described in today's Luke scripture?
5. Read verses 22-23. In what ways do they predict what happened through Good Friday AND the resurrection?
6. This Psalm is an excellent trigger for worship. Now look at this as a worship hymn. Read some of the Psalm's verses aloud to voice your praise to the Lord for who he is and all that he has done.
7. Someone is starting to make a good thing into an idol. They say "Oh, I can cut back any time I want". Read Jeremiah 2:5. What is the warning here that applies to all of us?
8. Think of a specific situation where you, when opposed, instead of "calling fire down from heaven" (Luke 9:54), you used anger or guilt or threats. In the light of today's message, what would be a better way for you to react in that situation?
9. The NIV translation of Zechariah 9:9 says "See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey on a colt, the foal of a donkey." How can the king be BOTH victorious AND lowly? And what implication does this have for how we live as Christians?
10. In today's scripture we saw that Jesus was compassionate. Matthew 14:14 also talks about Jesus's compassion. Did the compassion cause him to do anything? How does that connect to what you are doing in your Christian life?

Application:

11. Pray that the Lord would work in our congregation to make Jesus the true king, in place of the false kings that people let go of as they wrote on their rocks.
12. This application is copied from the Chapel's "LENTEN GUIDE":

READ: John 12:12-19 & John 19:1-37

REFLECT: Jesus was a different kind of king, ruling by humility & sacrifice. What lesser kings do you need to give up?

FAST: M/W/F: Eat 1 small meal a day and donate the money saved to those in need. (Jacksonville Chapel's Benevolence Ministry provides financial, physical, and emotional support to individuals and families who are facing hardship due to extraordinary challenges. To donate to the Benevolence Ministry, make your check payable to Jacksonville Chapel and write "Benevolence" in the memo section. Checks can be dropped off with your weekly offering or at the Chapel Office during the week. For more information on serving with your resources, email serve@jacksonvillechapel.org)