

Discussion Questions - 4/10/22

True Greatness (Matthew 21:1-11)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- Icebreaker: Who is the most powerful person you know? How have they made an impression on you? Who is the humblest person you know? How have they made an impression on you? Are the impressions made by the powerful person and the humblest person the same or different?
- In the opening verses (v. 1-5) of the chapter how do we see Jesus' authority displayed in preparation for his entry into Jerusalem? Why do you think Matthew wants us to see Jesus' authority and that this fulfills a prophecy of Scripture? What does this teach us about how God's plans unfold in time?
- The crowd lauds Jesus as a prophet, even as a messianic figure as he enters the city. They seem to be expecting Jesus to be a military hero, but they miss the fact that Jesus is riding on a donkey and not a warhorse. How does Jesus' way of gentleness contrast to the kingdoms of this world? What role does meekness and gentleness have in Jesus' ministry (5:5; 11:29; 12:18-21; 18:1-4)? How would you define meekness? How does meek living produce goodness in the life of the disciple?