

## TABLE TALK

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for April 10-April 16, 2022

WEEKLY READINGS: Luke 19:28-44; Luke 13:34; Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 24:7-10; Revelation 3:20

### Jesus' Journey: A Time of Visitation from the Prince of Peace

FOCUS: Luke 19:41-44

Inviting the Prince of Peace into the City

*"As He drew near, He saw the city (of Jerusalem) and wept over it, 'If you had known, even you, especially in your day, the things that make for your peace...you did not know the time of your visitation.' "* (Luke 19:41-42; 44, NKJV)

**BIG IDEA 1** – This week we see Jesus making His Triumphant Entry into the city of Jerusalem (commonly celebrated on Palm Sunday). Many waved palm branches, praising Jesus as He came into Jerusalem (vs. 38), while others would soon be shouting, "Crucify Him!", not many days hence (Luke 23:21). The irony is that the name, Jerusalem, can be translated as meaning, "City of Peace." Yet when Jesus – the **Prince of Peace** (Is. 9:6) enters the city, He is rejected and crucified. Sadly, Jerusalem as a city, did not recognize her "time of visitation" (vs. 44).

Q1- In verse 42, Jesus mentions the "the things that make for peace." In your opinion, what are some "things" that can make peace happen in our cities, communities, & neighborhoods today? How can we "invite" those into our geographic areas?

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FOCUS: Numbers 6:24-26

Inviting the Prince of Peace into Our Home

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace" (Shalom).* (Numbers 6:24-26, ESV)

**BIG IDEA 2** – One of the most practical ways we can experience more peace – or shalom – in our homes is through **prayer**. This passage from Numbers ("The Priestly Blessing") is a wonderful way for you to invite the Prince of Peace – Jesus – into your home by praying this prayer over yourself and your relational household. We pray that our homes are always a place where the Prince of Peace – Jesus – is regularly invited into and that we do not miss out on a time of visitation (Luke 19:44).

Q2- Have you ever prayed this prayer over yourself and those close to you before? If so, what is that experience like? If not, do you have other prayers or Scriptures that you use to intentionally invite God's presence into your home life?

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FOCUS: Revelation 3:20

Inviting the Prince of Peace into Our Hearts

*"Now pay attention; I am standing at the door and knocking. If any of you hear My voice and **open the door**, then I will come in to **visit with you** and to share a meal at your table, and you will be with Me."* (Revelation 3:20, The Voice)

**BIG IDEA 3** – This passage from the Book of Revelation tells that Jesus is eagerly looking forward to spending time with us each and every day! He stands at the "door" of our hearts, knocking and asking to be invited in. Just as a city has to open the gates to let a king in (Psalm 24:7-10), we must stay willing to open our hearts to let the Prince of Peace visit us daily.

Q3- What are 2-3 ways practically that we can "open the door" to spend time with Jesus? What are some ways that you think spending quality time with Jesus personally would help you experience more peace in your life?

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