

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Hope From the Cross: Part Two

March 3 & 6, 2022



1. Read Matthew 21: 6 - 11 Have you ever gotten carried along by a crowd in an emotional moment in a way that was good? Read Luke 23: 35 -36 Have you ever gotten carried along by the emotions of a crowd in a way that was not good? Do you wonder if some of the people who were there for the triumphal entry were also there, mocking him with the crowd?
2. Read Ps 73: 1-14 When you have experienced great loss or pain, has your response been similar to Asaph's in this psalm? Why do we tend to think that we don't deserve whatever negative experiences/consequences or situations we find ourselves in?
3. Read Luke 23: 39 - 41 and Psalms 73: 21 - 28 How does the experience of the thief on the cross mirror the emotions of the writer of the psalm?
4. Think back to the first question. When you realize that you're getting carried away by a crowd, by an unexpected roadblock or by emotions to be negative or to react in an ungodly way, what restores your senses?
5. What does it mean to play the victim? Have you had a situation in the last week or month in which you've played the victim? Why is it easy or not easy to do?

6. Read Galatians 6:11-14 Who was going along with the crowd to do the wrong thing? Was Paul playing the victim when he confronted Peter? Why or why not? Based on what the Bible tells us about Peter, do you think he blamed his pulling away from the Gentiles on other people?
7. Read Genesis 3:12 - How long has mankind been trying to avoid personal responsibility for sin by blaming someone else?
8. Read I John 1: 6 - 10 What don't we receive if we're constantly blaming someone else for our sins? Will Jesus invite us to join him in the kingdom if we don't seek forgiveness?

Takeaway: Is King Jesus your king?