

LENT

Week 6 | March 28 Sermon

He Set His Face To Jerusalem | Luke 9:51; 19:28-44

Community: As you begin your GROUP time in community, would you begin with silence and listening? Would you start your time by listening to the Holy Spirit? Grab a snack, check in on how everyone's week was, get out the normal "buzz" of coming together and then spend a moment centering yourselves in silence and listening for anything that the Lord might have for you as you engage in community. What might the Lord have for you individually and/or as a GROUP in this upcoming Holy Week? You might consider starting your time of listening with a prayer of relinquishment like this one by Richard Foster:

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to you. May your will be my delight today. May your way have perfect sway in me. May your love be the pattern of my living. I surrender to you my hopes, my dreams, my ambitions. Do with them what you will, when you will, as you will. I place into your loving care my family, my friends, my future. Care for them with a care that I can never give. I release into your hands my need to control, my craving for status, my fear of obscurity. Eradicate the evil, purify the good, and establish your kingdom on earth. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Sanctuary Discussion Questions (Tim Brand)

- 1) As we set our face towards a lifetime of purpose, Tim talked about living a life of obedience, stewardship, praise, and faith. Which one comes easiest for you? Which one the hardest? Why do you think that is?
- 2) "God doesn't call you to succeed. He calls you to obey." How does that hit you?
- 3) Tim said that stewardship for the King of Kings is a much higher calling than the fallacy of ownership of a dash between two numbers on a headstone? Tell us about a time when this was true in your life. Tell us about a time you struggles with this idea (or still are).
- 4) We were made for praise. Why do you withhold praise at times? When was the last time you really praised something? Describe the feeling.
- 5) How do you demonstrate faith in your everyday life, despite the hard circumstances you are facing? What are the promises you cling to when your faith is being tested? As you enter this Holy week, how can specifically pray for your faith, as we walk through the cross and into the resurrection?

Auditorium Discussion Questions (Klayton Korver):

1. Why do you follow Jesus? Honestly, why?
2. Do I recognize what His Kingdom actually looks like? Or does his Kingdom look more like mine?
3. If you do.. what are you willing to do about it? Will you be "activated" this week? What might that tangibly look like?
4. Would you be willing to speak a blessing over someone this week? If you do, would you share the story with klaytonk@trcpella.com?

Reminder of Holy Week Services! Thursday, Friday & Saturday all at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary & via livestream