

Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **3/28/15 – 3/29/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.2)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
Study component leader					

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Introduction

²⁸ When He finished the parable, He pushed onward, climbing the steep hills toward Jerusalem.

²⁹ He approached the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, which are near Mount Olivet. He sent two of the disciples ahead.

Jesus: ³⁰ Go to the next village. When you enter, you will find a colt tied—a colt that has never been ridden before. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you why you’re untying it, just say, “The Lord needs it.”

³² So the two disciples found things just as He had told them. ³³ When its owners did indeed ask why they were untying the colt, ³⁴ the disciples answered as they had been instructed.

Disciples: The Lord needs it.

³⁵ They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their coats on the colt’s back, and then sat Jesus on it. ³⁶ As Jesus rode along, some people began to spread their garments on the road as a carpet. ³⁷

When they passed the crest of Mount Olivet and began descending toward Jerusalem, a huge crowd of disciples began to celebrate and praise God with loud shouts, glorifying God for the mighty works they had witnessed.

Crowd of Disciples: ³⁸ The King who comes in the name of the Eternal One is blessed! Peace in heaven! Glory in the highest!

Pharisees (who were in the crowd): ³⁹ Teacher, tell these people to stop making these wild claims and acting this way!

Jesus: ⁴⁰ Listen—if they were silent, the very rocks would start to shout! Luke 19:28-40 (VOICE)

NOTE: FOR THIS WEEK'S STUDY, MORE TIME HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS WORSHIP COMPONENT.

Testimonies Praise

Instructions:

- Need pens and paper for each group member.
- Encourage each group member to write down a short testimony of what God has done in their life this week (keep the pieces of paper small, and the testimonies will be short!).
- Have each group member drop their brief testimony in a basket, cap, or other container.
- Pass the basket around for each person to pick a testimony to read.
- Go around reading each testimony.
- Clapping is encouraged after each testimony is read.
- After all testimonies are read, the worship leader is to close in prayer.

adapted from engageworship.org, Sara Hargreaves's "Testimonies Praise".

DEBRIEF – What it was like for you to go through this worship experience individually (in writing your testimony) and corporately (reading each other's' testimonies of praise)?

Word of God

30 minutes

1. What has God been teaching you in His Word this past week?
2. Reread Luke 19:28-40 (as read during the introduction) from a different translation, like the ESV.

What does Jesus teach us in verse 40 when He said, "I tell you, if these [His disciples] were silent, the very stones would cry out."? What does He teach about Himself? What does He teach about worship?

3. 1 Peter 2:5 states, "...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." What has God done for you? Like a living stone, how have you seen, or are seeing, God building you into a spiritual house?
4. Are you going to praise God even in the face of opposition, wickedness, or threat? Consider the recent martyrs in the Middle East. What about you?

Outreach

15 minutes

What kind of conversations are you having with those who do *not-yet-know* Jesus?

Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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