

Crossroads Covenant Church
sermon-based small group discussion guide for March 3, 2019

Getting to Know Us- building intimacy in your shared group

1. When you meet someone for the first time, what topic are you comfortable bringing up or talking about? How does this help you make a connection?

Getting into the Word- digging deeper into the message

1. Read together the Scriptures for this week (and last week's) message, in Luke 6:20-26.
2. Read the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 7:3-6. What does verse 5 put in parallel to the laughter and mirth and joy of the other verses? What is the mourning and sorrow under discussion?
3. Turn to Luke 19:35-44 and read it together. Discuss why Jesus wept over Jerusalem even as the people were rejoicing and singing praise to Him during His triumphal entry.
4. Read how Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 10:34-39 and His own personal experience in Matthew 13:53-58. Discuss how Jesus endured the deepest rejections, and how He can identify with us to aid us during our times of rejection for His sake.

Application- sharing personal experiences

1. During the message, Pastor Aaron shared a missionary's testimony about farmers in Africa who sow the very last of their seeds for the brief rainy season, risking famine and starvation in anticipation of reaping the next year's harvest. They call this "sowing in tears". Share a time that you sowed from the very last of your resources, whether it was energy or time or finances, and saw long after that God had blessed you with a great harvest from it.