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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Good Life: Choose It April 13, 2025

Summary

In this message of *The Good Life* series, Kyle explores Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the story of Palm Sunday. Jesus tells us that hearing His words isn't enough—we must build our lives on them by putting them into practice. There are two ways to live: following Jesus or not. On Palm Sunday, many people praised Jesus but didn't really understand who He was or what He came to do. We're invited not just to admire Jesus, but to trust and follow Him with our whole lives. The Good Life isn't found in comfort or success—it's found in knowing and obeying Jesus.

Scripture

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:13-27 (NIV)

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

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Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”
“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.”
Luke 19:37-42 (NIV)

Let’s Start

This was our last message in the series *The Good Life*. If you had to describe “The Good Life” in one word or picture, what would it be?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let’s Talk

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon?
2. What do you think it means to “build your life on Jesus”?
3. Are there places in your life where you’re hearing Jesus’ words but not acting on them?
4. What kind of King do you want Jesus to be in your life? How does that match up with who He really is?
5. What is one thing from the Sermon on the Mount series that really stuck with you or challenged you?
6. What’s one step you can take this week to obey Jesus more fully?

Let’s Act

Have you invited someone to join you for Easter at Wooddale? Take a moment to pray and ask God whom He might be leading you to invite.

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