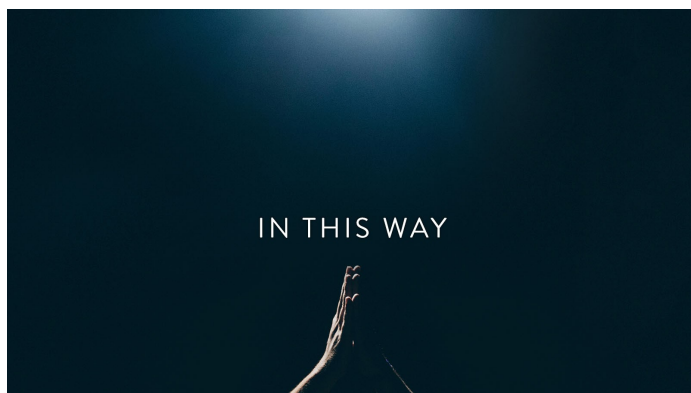


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



PRINCE
OF PEACE
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In This Way ... Hope

March 23 & 24, 2024

Many of us feel inadequate in our prayer life; we worry that we will get prayer “wrong.” Throughout this seven-week series, you will be guided through many types of prayer. To pray “In This Way” gives us many paths of entering a holy conversation with God by following the example of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 21:1-9, PSALM 23:1-3, JOHN 7:37-38

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus comes to Jerusalem and the crowds respond with a prayer of Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! This is a prayer of hope. In this way, may our prayers of hope be a loud cry: Hosanna! Save us, we pray!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Re-read Psalm 23:1-3 and John 7:37-38. ***There are a lot of dry places in our lives, and those dry places can create cracks in our hope reserve.*** Share about a time in your past - or present - that felt dry and hopeless. If applicable, share about your “save me” prayers and how your hope was restored.
- ***Our scriptures are filled with stories of God’s living water coming to the dry places in people’s lives.*** Which bible story about God showing up in an unexpected or “impossible” way do you feel a close emotional or personal connection to? Why? How does it bring you hope? Share with one another some hope-filled stories from people you know personally that demonstrate the restorative power of God’s living water.
- Re-read Matthew 21:8-9. ***This is a “hope to” people who pray a prayer of hope. “Hosanna! Help us, we pray! Save us, we pray!” This is a prayer of hope shouted.*** On this Palm Sunday - Palm Sunday 2024 - what are some present-day troubles we, as “hope to people,” need to be lifting to God with shouts of “Hosanna”?
- ***We know the end of the story. We know what is coming. We know the resurrection power that is headed our way with Easter. But we are not there yet.*** How does Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Silent Saturday prepare you for Easter Sunday?

INVITATION: Join us in worship - and invite a friend - as we walk the path from Palm Sunday to Easter.