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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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SERMON TEXT- Luke 19:28-40

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. & 4. Review *Psalms 113-118*. Perhaps pick one each day this week. As they invoke God's deliverance & mercy, what situations do they speak of? How do you encounter similar situations in need of deliverance & mercy in your everyday life? Use your Bible's study notes for context.

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Who among your circle of family & friends are casual, non-committed, unconvinced, cultural Christians? How can the coming seasons of Advent & Christmas, with their rich stories & symbolism, give you an opportunity to speak to them while the Holy Spirit opens their mind to the Scriptures (*cf. Luke 24:45*) & you proclaim the Gospel (*cf. Acts 8:26-39*). Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the names of at least 3 of these people & to give you simple opportunities. *See Luke 12:8-12, 1 Peter 3:15*
6. Consider *Romans 8:19-22* (*cf. v40 above; Psalm 102:25-28; Isaiah 35, 65:17-25*). How does even nature recognize and yearn the coming of salvation? *See Revelation 21:1-5* (*note: it's making all things new, not all new things*). Building on #5, what additional insight does this give you when speaking to others?

Festival of Christ the King

11.24.24

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How do I talk to people about Jesus?

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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

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