

### WEEK 3

## **SHELTER IN TROUBLED TIMES**

"In this world you will have **trouble**. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"Don't let your hearts be **troubled** and **don't be afraid**." John 14:27

1. Trust
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. <b>Trust in God; trust also in me</b> ." John 14:1
Rewind to Palm Sunday "They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13
"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another <b>Counselor</b> to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. <b>I will not leave you as orphans</b> ; I will come to you." John 14:16,18
2. Think
"In my <b>Father's house</b> are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, <b>I will come back</b> and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2,3
3. Turn
"A <b>new command</b> I give you: Love one another. <b>As I have loved you</b> , so you must love one another." John 13:34
"My command is this: Love each other <b>as I have loved you</b> ." John 15:12 "This is my command: <b>Love each other</b> ." John 15:17
The bottom line:
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" John 14:27a

# **QUESTIONS**

#### For group discussion or personal reflection

1. Our first point this weekend was to trust Jesus. This means to trust him for salvation, but it also means much more. Look at these verses:

#### Trust Jesus when he says...

"So **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them**." Matthew 6:31,32

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

"I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life." John 6:47

"And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20b

Where do you struggle with trusting Jesus? Why? How could complete trust in him help you with your stress today?

- 2. The second point was to "think of home". Do you enjoy thinking of heaven? Does it comfort you? How could a robust trust that you will be with the Lord and loved ones forever help you through tough times?
- 3. The final point was to turn to one another in love. How can serving others in love help lift your spirits and give you hope in the midst of a crisis? In what ways will you "wash the feet" of others through service this week?
- 4. On Palm Sunday, the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem happily praised him as long as they thought he was fulfilling their agenda. But when it became clear Jesus was acting in unpredictable ways, they quickly turned against him. What do you think the lesson is for us today? How have you learned that Jesus still acts in unpredictable yet reliable ways?

## **NEXT WEEKEND:**

Good Friday services at 5 pm & 7 pm. Prepare bread and juice beforehand for communion.

Easter services • Sat 6 pm • Sun 9 am & 10:45 am

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