**“Palm Sunday: The Road to The Cross”**

**Mar-23/24, 2024**

**Speaker: Ralph Delgado**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Col 1:20b-22.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. On Palm Sunday weekend, Ralph said, *“God may not always give what you most desire, but He always gives you what you most need.”*
   1. Describe a time or circumstance from your life when God did not give you what you desired, but gave you what he knew you needed? Did you end up seeing what He gave you as better than what you desired?
2. Ralph shared, *“God’s commitment to rescue humanity can be seen in His commitment to the cross in spite of Israel’s imperfect history.”* 
   1. How does seeing God’s ability to get His plan of redemption, from Gen 3 to the cross, give you faith for His ability to bring his plans to pass in your life?
3. Ralph taught, *“At the cross our kingdom authority was restored, but God’s kingdom only grows as often as Christ-followers choose to exercise that authority.”*
   1. Share an example of where you exercised your kingdom authority in Christ to take back ground from the kingdom of darkness? Are there places in your life where God has invited you to exercise kingdom authority, but you have not responded? Why?
4. Ralph pointed out, *“After sinning, Adam and Eve hid from God, but He ran to them.”* 
   1. When you sin, do you tend to hide from God or run to Him? What does your response reveal about what you believe about God and the cross?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray that CA would be a church that recognizes God’s great love for them demonstrated at the cross.
* Pray that many would make 1st time commitments to Jesus at CA’s upcoming Easter services.