

Weekly Sermon Discussion Guide

April 14, 2019

Actively Receive

LUKE

Luke 19:28-40; 45-48

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶ and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." ⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

Jesus enters Jerusalem, along with his disciples, for the annual feast of the Passover. The crowds who welcome him as their king do not yet understand that Jesus has come to save them spiritually, not merely from Roman oppression. Had Jesus been the kind of king who had come to save the people from Roman rule, he might have gone directly to confront Pilate and not to the temple.

While teaching in the temple, Jesus overturns the tables of money changers, who were charging people money for access to the temple.

In condemning the money changers, how does Jesus symbolically remove the barrier between God and man?

How does this remind us that we don't have to do anything to gain access to God?

Throughout the book of Luke, we have learned what it means to follow Jesus and live a life of purpose. We have learned about true gratitude, to recognize the source of our gratitude, and the importance of not labeling one another. Jesus teaches us in this passage that following Him is not **only** about changing our actions, but sometimes about **observing** and **receiving**.

When you are given a gift or a compliment, how do you receive it?

What does it mean to actively receive a gift?

During this Holy Week, we have many opportunities to actively receive God's love. As we gather and celebrate his love for us, may our souls know their worth as never before.