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WHOSE SIDE AM I ON?

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INTRODUCTION

This week, Pastor Jesse concludes our *Luke* series with a message on chapters 19-21 entitled "Whose Side Am I On?" One day, there will be no more "middle ground;" we are either on Jesus' side or we're not. Standing with Jesus takes courage and commitment to face persecution and rejection, as demonstrated by Jesus' last days.

DISCUSSION

1. Read aloud the Triumphal Entry of Jesus in all four Gospels: **Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19**. Take five minutes to silently contemplate this scene. Imagine you are in the crowd. What do you see, hear, feel? What is the atmosphere? If you were there, where do you think you would be standing - with the praising crowd, with the skeptical group or off to the side somewhere, not quite sure what to think? Share this with the group.
2. **Read Luke 19:47-48, 20:19 and 20:26**. Who would be considered on Jesus' side? Why? Who was not on Jesus' side? Describe the difference between these two groups.
3. **Read Revelation 3:14-20**. How does Jesus respond to those who are lukewarm, not picking a side? What does it mean that He is "knocking at the door?" Pray for those in your circle you consider "lukewarm."
4. With Easter next Sunday, many people will be thinking about this issue of being on Jesus' side this week. Commit to praying for your group members as you navigate through this week and pray for those whom you will be bringing with you to one of the Easter services.

DO SOMETHING

1. Prepare your heart for the Easter by reading through the end of Luke and practicing the COMA Bible study as explained in the Luke booklets. Remember to pray for 6000 people to attend our Easter services next weekend at 6 p.m. each day by setting an alarm on your phone.
2. It's not too late to invite your neighbor or coworker to one of the Easter services! Be invitational!
3. Summer will be here before we know it. Begin planning cookouts, playdates, park outings, etc. with those in your circle who are not "in" with Jesus!

RESOURCES

1. RightNow Media has a variety of Easter videos for children. Check them out with your free subscription through PLC!
2. Watch *Behind the Easter Story* on RightNow Media. With a limestone scale model, hosts Mart DeHaan and Jimmy DeYoung follow the path of Jesus on that fateful week to help you gain a new perspective on the biblical events and their consequences for mankind.
3. *Prepare for Easter: Daily Devotions* from Billy Graham are reflections on Jesus' death and resurrection.