

# PALM SUNDAY



## What's so Important About Palm Sunday?

**Mercy** - "God's mercy does not give us what we do deserve."

- A. The Text (Psalm 145:8)
- B. Ginny's Story (Matthew 5:7)
- C. David's Story (I Samuel 11:1; Psalm 51:1-4)
- D. An Adulterer's Story (John 8:7, 10-11)
- E. Paul's Story (Acts 9:1-2; I Timothy 1:15)
- F. Colonel Herbert Kapler's Story (Matthew 5:7)
- G. The Church's Story (Matthew 5:7)

## Discussion Questions:

1. Read Psalm 145:8 and the definition of mercy. Share a time in your life where God extended His mercy to you. Discuss.
2. Read John 8:1-11. Have you ever picked up stones, (WORDS) to throw at someone when you in fact were struggling in the same area? Discuss.
3. Read Acts 9:1-10. This passage provides insight into the power of God and how it can change a person's life. Are there any changes that God is calling you to in your life right now? Discuss .
4. Make a plan to spend time in God's word everyday this next week. Also plan to keep each other accountable in your time with the Lord.
5. Pray as a group for God to deepen you through Passion week as you spend time in His word.

**Psalm 145:8** - "The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in mercy."

**Matthew 5:7** - "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy."

**I Samuel 11:1** - "Then it happened in the Spring, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem."

**Psalm 51:1-4** - "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of your tender mercies blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight..."

**John 8:7** - "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

**John 8:10-11** - "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you? She said, no one, Lord. And Jesus said, neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

**Acts 9:1-2** - "Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, asking for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the WAY, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."

**I Timothy 1:15** - "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am chief."