



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Zechariah 9:9-10

Discuss the significance of Israel's king arriving "on a colt, the foal of an ass." How does that compare to how you might imagine the prophesied messiah? What does this suggest about Christ's method of victory over sin and death?

"The warrior's bow shall be banished." What does the banishment of the weapon indicate about how God establishes His dominion?

How do we participate in this 'conquest' of humility and peace today?

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Reflect on your being one of the Lord's beautiful "works." What does this reveal about your relationship with the Lord? What does it suggest about your role in this relationship?

How do all of God's works, all of creation bless Him? In what practical ways do you bless the Lord "every day?"

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Take a moment to recognize and give thanks for the gift of Christ's Spirit in your Baptism and Confirmation.

How do you carry and live out this promise of life through the Spirit in your own life? How does it shape your perspective and response to life's trials?

Paul says that it is "by the Spirit" that we "put to death the deeds of the body," and so live. In what areas do you struggle to allow the Holy Spirit to be the guiding force in your life? Can you better surrender these areas to Christ?

Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from
slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

How do we better become the "little ones" to whom the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed?

Return to the image of the prophesied Messiah the Israelites were expecting. How might Christ's message and description of Himself as "meek and humble of heart" have been received in the light of these expectations? Do you readily receive and join Christ in the meek and humble?

Consider the Passion of Jesus. What might lead Him to describe His yoke as "easy" and His burden "light?" What happens when you unite your own trials and burdens to the yoke of Christ?