

Again and Again | Week 06

Courage to Confront | March 25th and 28th

Anchor Verse: The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted; his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

What's the Issue Anyway?

Again and Again, we draw on _____.

Without courage we can't _____ what opposes God's vision for this world.

What wisdom does Mark 11:1-10 offer us?

Jesus courageously entered into _____.

Jerusalem and the Temple had become the center of the _____ system.

The _____ and _____ domination of the many by the few and the use of _____ claims to justify it

The _____/_____ relationship with Jerusalem from Solomon, the Prophets, the Exile, the return, and eventually to Roman rule

Mark's _____, _____ and _____ were the few who ruled at the top locally.

_____ flowed into Jerusalem and out to Rome in the first century.

The Temple authorities shaped, enforced and benefited from this _____ - _____ domination system.

Pilate arrives with a procession of Roman _____ power and theology.

Jesus arrives with a _____-procession.

Don't Miss This!

Jesus' entrance was an act of _____, non-violent resistance to the domination system.

What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

Peacemakers _____ follow Jesus into their _____ again and again.

Where do _____ sit in today's domination systems?

Which procession _____ you in?

Which procession do you _____ to be in?

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

Finding the courage to oppose domination systems will move us closer to the divine vision of _____ justice, prosperity and security.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Commit myself to understanding the domination systems of my day.
2. Begin to understand the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a new light.
3. Actively resist the temptation to benefit from the domination systems of today.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Think of a time you were confronted by someone about your behavior. How did that make you feel? Can you think of a time you had to confront someone about their behavior? Were you afraid? Why did you think it was necessary to confront them?
2. Do you think it was the same crowd cheering Jesus when he entered Jerusalem that condemned Jesus to the cross? Why or why not?
3. This week we explored the idea of domination systems that justify their oppression through the use of religion. How do you see this lived out in today's religious systems?
4. Who are the victims of today's domination systems in America? What is one thing that you can do to resist this power structure?