

Tuesday Evening Sermon at Brightons Parish Church
Digging Deeper with God – Tuesday 7th April 2020

Further reflections on tonight's sermon for personal, group or family devotion. Read the Scriptures again slowly in a quiet space and notice which verse(s) God is especially highlighting to you:

Luke 19:28-48

Write the verse down and invite God in prayer to tell you why this verse is significant to you. Remember God speaks today!

Here are some questions to think through in addition to what might have struck you already:

- Who are the outcast, forgotten and insignificant people of our time?
- How could we show the grace, mercy and generosity of God to family, friend or neighbour at this time?
- What aspects of Jesus confuse you?
- Which of the four groups do we most resonate with at present? Have you experienced some/all of them at other times?
- What is your experience/perception of God lamenting? Why might this be uncomfortable for us? Why might lamenting ourselves be uncomfortable?
- Why do we prefer answers to mystery?
- Spend a little time talking to God in prayer. Here's something to get you started or to round off your time:

My Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
You are the God of grace, mercy and generosity,
and I praise You for how You powerfully showed all three
this Holy Week two thousand years ago.

I give You thank for the many blessings in my life (*name them...*)
and for neighbours and friends (*name a few that come to mind...*).
Forgive me Lord for when I would prefer to keep you at arms length,
or only go with You when it suits and benefits me –
help me, by Your grace and love, to change,
to become a person who follows in Your way,
the way of self-giving, radical love.

Heavenly Father, I bring before You the concerns that are most
upon my heart tonight (*name them...*)

Hear my prayer, Lord God, for I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.