# **GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**

"Followers of Jesus", Luke 19:28-40 & Matthew 21:1-15 January 27, 30-31, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Messiah is the Hebrew word that means "anointed one"... it was the name for a special leader that God promised to send to lead His people and free them from oppression.

At <u>Passover</u>, Jesus chose to make a public proclamation of His Messiahship.

## I. Jesus Is Often Surrounded by Self-Centered, Religious People!

They were at the Temple every time the door was open...but they weren't there to <u>worship</u>...or to <u>serve</u>. No, they were there only for what they could get!

Question: When you come to worship, do you come to give...or to get? Hebrews 10:23-25

Jesus didn't come to create a religion. He came to lead people to a life-changing relationship with Himself!

#### When Christ-followers worship they:

- 1. Embrace the truth! *Hebrews 10:23*
- 2. Empower others by example! *Hebrews 10:24*
- 3. Encourage others intentionally! Hebrews 10:25

Every time believers come together...followers of Jesus intentionally encourage each other. This happens best in <u>LifeGroups!</u>

## II. Jesus is Often Surrounded by Thoughtless Fans.

You can tell if you're a follower of Christ...or just a thoughtless fan by what you do when things turn <u>bad</u>.

People who focus their faith on people or pleasant circumstances are dooming themselves to disappointment.

If you meet people who say they are followers of Jesus, but it makes no <u>difference</u> in their lives... it's probably because they are not followers of Jesus. They're just thoughtless fans.

### III. Jesus Is Often Surrounded by Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus.

Those disciples must have thought Jesus' request was crazy, but the amazing thing is, they obeyed Him!

The disciples summoned their courage and obeyed the Lord...even when it was hard, because they had full faith in Jesus!

A fully devoted disciple becomes just like Jesus: God can ask for anything...and we'll gladly try to do it!

# **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

# Next Level Leadership Conference Wednesday - Friday, Feb. 3 - 5

#### **Henderson Campus**

Next Level is a conference our church hosts to equip and inspire church leaders and ministry staff. If you would like to attend, purchase your ticket at NextLevelConference.com. We are looking for volunteers to help greet guests, answer questions and assist with logistics. If you would like to join our volunteer team, visit Connecting Point or contact Delynn at ddaniels@savannahchristian.com.

# "The Harley Chronicles" Women's Life Group 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 8 - March 28 The Link across the lake

All marriages need care and attention. Ladies, join us for this eight-week study led by Sarah Huxford based on her new book, "The Harley Chronicles." We'll look at ways we can strengthen our marriages and homes so we can avoid crises before they develop. Purchase the book at The Source bookstore. RSVP to Irene at irenechristian5@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

# REAL Time: Backstage Night 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join us for food, fun and fellowship as we hear from some inspiring women who have used their acting talent for God. This is a great opportunity to get to know other ladies at our church. Supper will be served. Purchase your \$8 ticket at SavannahChristian.com by Tuesday, Feb. 2.

# Father Daughter Banquet 6:30 - 9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 25 - 27 National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

Fathers, this is an opportunity to spend a special evening with your daughters, taking time to invest in your father-daughter relationship. You'll spend quality time with each another over a nice dinner followed by music and dancing. Purchase tickets at The Source bookstore. Father tickets cost \$35, daughter tickets cost \$5.

# It's Your Day Women's Conference 7 – 9 p.m. Friday, March 4 and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 Worship Center

We all want to be known and loved. Although we can experience deep relationships with others, our hearts will always long for the perfect love of Christ. Ladies, join us for this conference with guest speaker Lisa Harper as we explore the Song of Solomon and find out how we can experience true closeness and intimacy with God. Tickets cost \$25 each. A limited number of group rate tickets are available at \$20 each for groups of 10 or more. Purchase tickets at SavannahChristian.com.