**The Passion of Christ - part 1: Leader Notes**

**Worship, compassion and prayer**

**Text – Luke 19:28-48**

**HOOK**

**1. Who do you admire because of his/her passion?**

**2. What’s something you’re passionate about?**

**3. Does passion triumph over skill? Give an example to support your position.**

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**4. Read John 14:12. What does Jesus mean by “greater”? Did Jesus do miracles simply because He was God, or was there some other secret he had?** (Jesus had spiritual power because he passionately pursued God).

**5. Read Luke 19:37-40. What did Jesus get rebuked for?** (the volume level of his followers). **Why do you think it’s easier to passionate and loud to cheer at a sporting event but not in a church worship service? What’s the tension between Psalm 37:7 and Psalm 98:4,6? Which one is most appropriate in our worship services?**

**6. Read Luke 19:41. How did Jesus’ passion fuel his compassion for people? Why is radical compassion attractive?**

**7. What’s the last thing you cried about? What do you think God cries about most in 2017?**

**8. Read Luke 19:45-46. What made Jesus angry? What was he so zealous about? Read Ps.69:9. Isn’t it a sin to get angry?** (Not when we get angry about evil and sin. Psalm 4:4 says we can be angry without sinning).

**9. Read Matthew 21:14. What happened immediately after Jesus cleansed the Temple of robbers? Read Psalm 97:10. How do these two verses give us insight into why we should sometimes get angrier?**

**TOOK**

**10. What prevents people from worshipping at SGA? How can we get rid of those things that prevent true worship, prayer and healing?**

**11. Is it possible to grow in our level of passion? How can we become more passionate in our faith?** (Observing the life of Jesus up close gets us into the Splash zone of the Holy Spirit; the more we feed our passion for God, the more it grows).

**12. Read 1 Tim. 4:15. How does our level of passion impact others?**

**13.** **How can SGA become “a house of prayer for all nations and a church that goes to all nations”?**