March 24, 2013-Going Deeper Study Questions- Tim Schroeder-Palm Sunday

1. Discuss your feelings whenever you see a portrayal of Easter. When you read the narrative or watch movies such as The Passion of the Christ and see the horrible suffering of Jesus, do you tend to view it as a terrible tragedy forced on Him, or as an intentional act of God to accomplish a specific purpose.

2. Because Jesus is God there is a tendency to view nothing as difficult for him. So, what does it mean to you to read a verse like Luke 9:51 where Jesus had to resolutely set his face, or steel himself with courage in order to accomplish the task. What could possibly be so hard for God?

3. Think of the person(s) you love most in the world. What would you be willing to do to save their life? Do you equate God's actions in Easter with that kind of love for you?

4. The Samaritans and the Jews, including Jesus' closest disciples were so caught up in petty stuff that they missed what was happening right before their eyes. Describe something that has that effect on you … you get so worked up about it that you miss what God is up to.

5. So much of Christianity promotes a "religion of convenience and advantage." Accept Jesus and your life will be better, your sins will be forgiven and you will get to go to heaven. In your opinion, why are we hesitant to tell the truth right up front that following Jesus is a call to "give your life?"