

Discussion Guide for "Puppy Faith" The Devil in the Details Week 6

What happens when God disappoints us? It happens to every person of faith eventually – we come to realize that God isn't here to be part of our story, to fit into our agendas. Palm Sunday is a warning sign: that disappointment can lead to us abandoning God (or crucifying him!). How can we learn to let God be God and sweep us up into HIS story – a story of new life and transformation?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Mark 11:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11

Lenten Challenge:

This Holy Week, spend some time reflecting on how you have expected God to fit into your agendas rather than letting God challenge you.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Share a memory of puppy love you have. How did it come to an end?
- 2. JR. said that puppy love is really self-love. What does that mean? How is puppy faith similar?
- 3. Why did the same crowds who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday call for his crucifixion on Good Friday?
- 4. How does God challenge you? How are you moving from shallow, puppy faith to a deeper, more mature faith?
- 5. How in the last six weeks of Lent has God been challenging you? Where do you need to say, "Yes" to God?