

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 28, 2021:  
*Christmas Gifts: The Gift of Messiness*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with  
CGS Community or family**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Was there anything “messy” (did not go as planned) about your Thanksgiving?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

**Luke 21:25-36**

1. What makes you say, “What is our world coming to?” Do you ever wonder if we might be in the end times that Jesus predicted?
2. What do you think the Jerusalem temple means to Jesus’ disciples? How might they have responded to Jesus’ prediction of its destruction?
3. When have you felt that the world is shifting such that you were looking for a solid place to stand?
4. How does being part of a group or “tribe” help us to feel safe? Why do you think tribes have become so divided in our nation?
5. Jesus acknowledges the brokenness and messiness of our world. What does He see as the source of that messiness? Where does the path to healing the brokenness begin?

6. What do you think Jesus means for us to do when he says in verse 36, *Be always on the watch?*
7. What is one way you can join the work of growing God's kingdom in the hearts of others?

- **SERVE** *others*

*This week's Advent candle is the candle of hope. Who in your life is losing hope? How can you encourage them to hope in God, rather than an outcome?*

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**