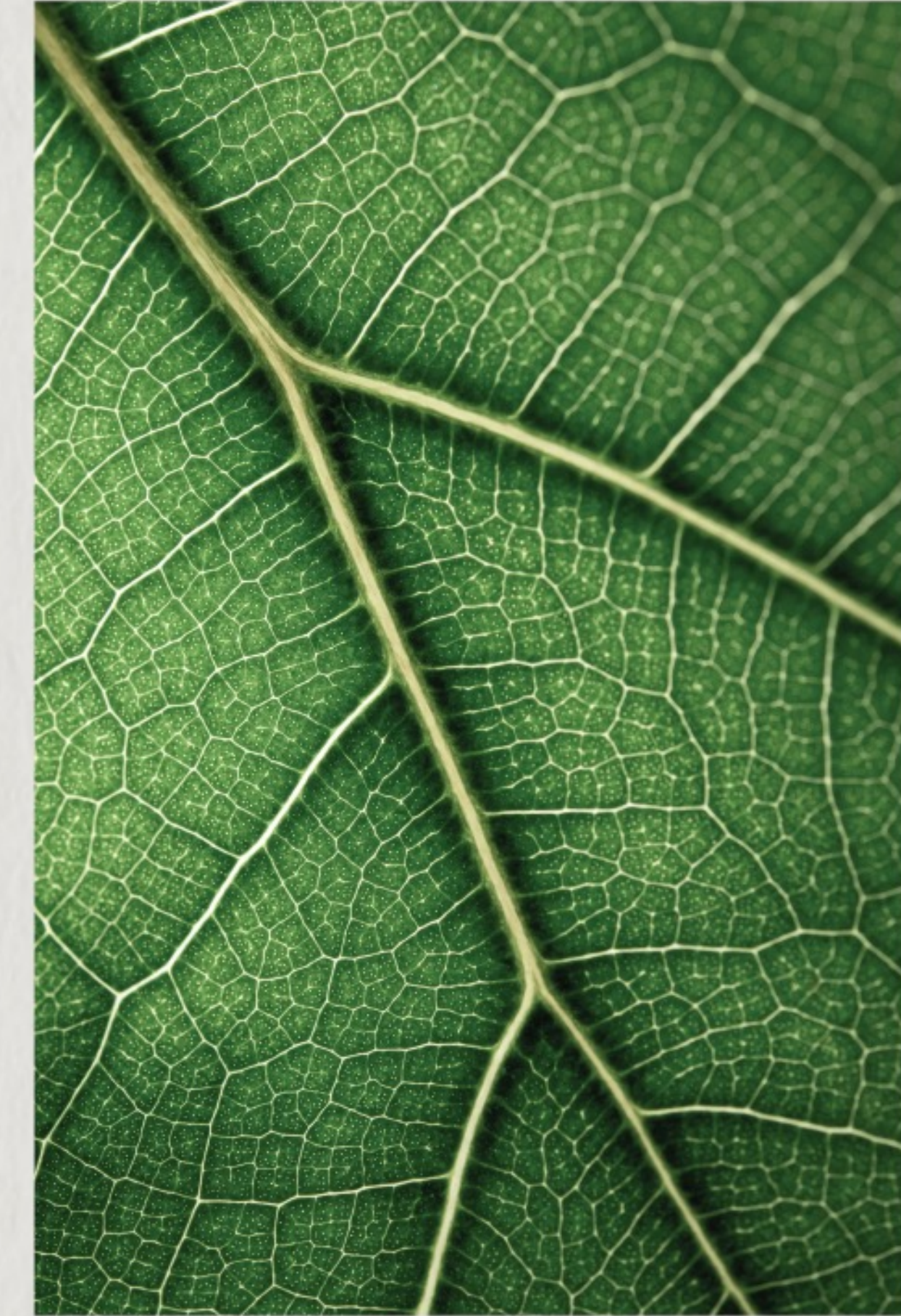


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Downtown Prayer Gathering

5:30-6:30 | Tonight

Top floor of the West Avenue Parking Garage

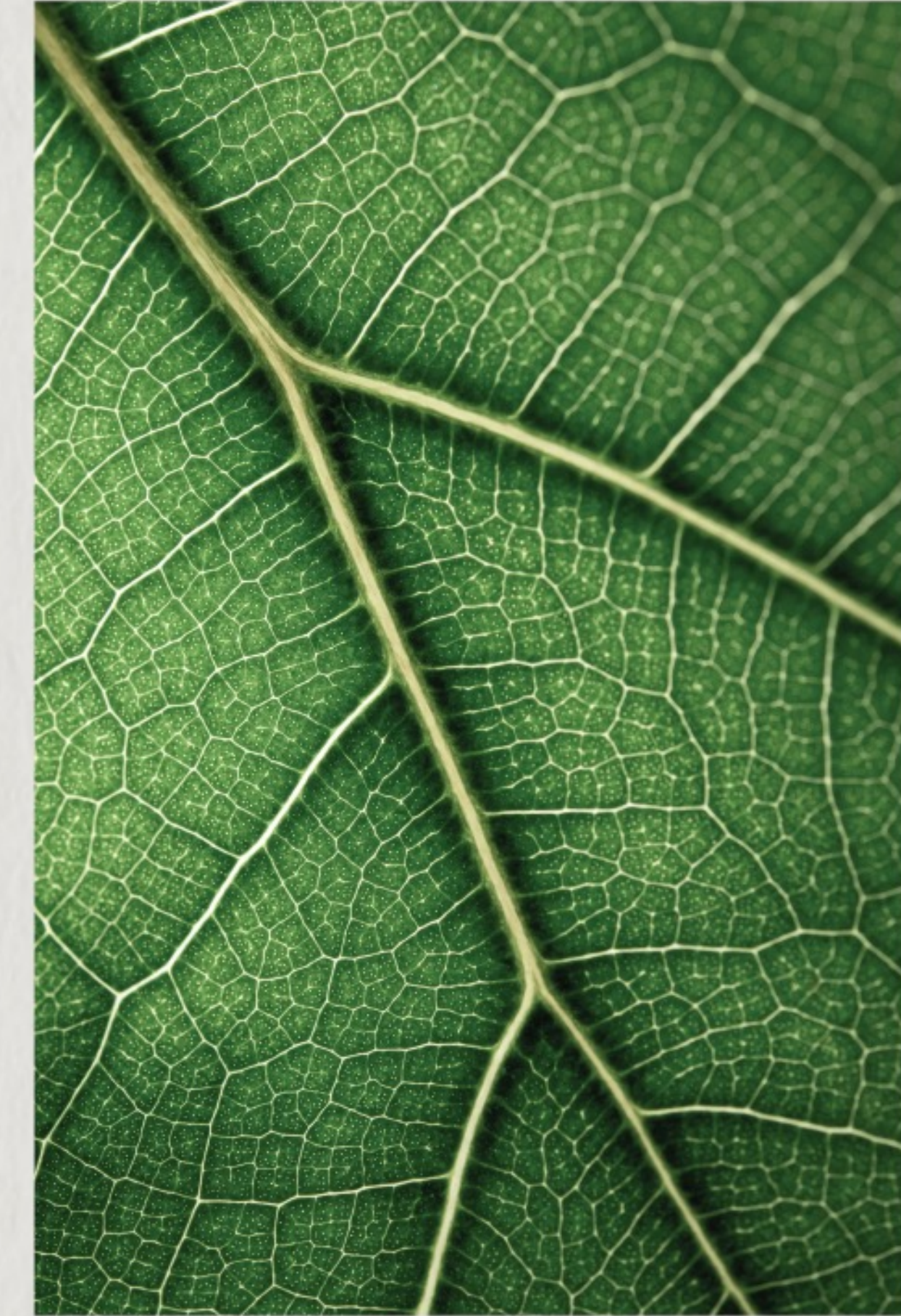
Bring a tailgate meal or eat before or afterwards downtown

Updates on Fellowship Downtown Core Team

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Mark 11:18a NASB

The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to **destroy Him...**



The King's Arrival

The Political Problem
The Religious Problem



The Political Problem

Mark 11:1a ^{NIV}

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives...



The Political Problem

Mark 11:1-3 ^{NIV}

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will **find a colt** tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”



The Political Problem

Zechariah 9:9-10 ^{NIV}

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, **your king** comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the **foal** of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim **peace to the nations.**

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.



The Political Problem

Mark 11:7-10 NIV

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”



If your god never disagrees with you, it may not be God you're worshiping but an idealized version of yourself.

-Tim Keller



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The Religious Problem

THE TEMPLE

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The Religious Problem

Mark 11:11-15a ^{NIV}

Jesus entered Jerusalem and **went into the temple courts**. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, **he went out** to Bethany with the Twelve.

¹² The **next day** as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. ¹⁵ On **reaching Jerusalem...**



The Religious Problem

Mark 11:15-17 ^{NIV}

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The Religious Problem

John 2:18-21 NIV

The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in **three days.**”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the **temple** he had spoken of **was his body.**



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Mark 11:18a ^{NIV}

The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him...



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Acts 1:8 ^{NIV}

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



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1 Peter 2:4-5 ^{NIV}

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



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Romans 12:1 ^{NIV}

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.





If God was going to dwell anywhere in the world, certainly his presence would be [in the Temple]. Yet now, in Christ this is transferred over to every follower of Jesus. In essence the church has become God's place in the world...They are at the very heart and center of God's activity in the world. They are God's building-project, and in Christ they are being built up into a residence intended for God's very presence. How thrilling to learn that your identity is secure in this. How inspiring to be reminded that if you have come to Jesus, you are at the center of what God is doing in the world.

-David R. Helm

